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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1872/MAY

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 29. May — 1872

Hon. James Pollock

Director U. S. Mint,

Dear Sir,

At the date of receiving your instructions (10th May) to make the Pure Silver Discs, the necessity of winding up my accounts for the year prevented an immediate compliance, but upon re-opening my accounts & operations, I immediately commenced making the discs.

The experience which we have gained in making the former discs has proved that it is necessary to operate on from two to three times the weight of the discs required, and that there is an absolute loss of over $\frac{1}{1000}$ of the weight of the silver operated on. It is only safe therefore to assume that the loss in melting, calculated to the weight of the discs, is about $\frac{3}{1000}$, and to this we must add a loss from turning

and filing, or finishing, of about $\frac{1}{2}$ a thousandth of the whole amount operated on, or $\frac{1}{1000}$ of the weight of discs.

Therefore in order to cover the loss we shall be obliged to add to the weight of the finished discs, delivered to you, $\frac{4}{1000}$. The value of the twenty seven (27) discs, now delivered to you, will be as follows:

Weight of Discs delivered (27)	162.40 ozs. @ 999 $\frac{1}{2}$
Add $\frac{4}{1000}$ (.004) in making	<u>.65</u>
	163.05 ozs. @ 999 $\frac{1}{2}$

163.05 ozs. @ \$1.40 per oz. = \$228. $\frac{27}{100}$

The above value is irrespective of the cost of turning &c. of which I am ignorant.

Very truly Yours
J. C. Booth

add, expense of turning, .50 ct each
H.C.B.

Jas. C. Booth
M. & R.

Reports Expense of
making 27 silver
dis. for Bureau of
Ordnance, Navy
Department, Wash-
ington D. C.

Rec May 29/72

OFFICE OF
MOYER BROTHERS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
DRUGS, PAINTS, OILS, SPICES, &C.,

Bloomsburg, Pa., *May 31st. 1872*

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

We send you this day by Express prepaid. The following coin. for which please send us transfer check on Phila.

5 ¢ coin	36.75
1 ¢ Copper Nickel (2 Bags)	40.00
1 ¢ Bronze.	25.49
2 ¢ Bronze	<u>17.76</u>
	\$ 120.00

In our last shipment you docked us \$1.⁰² without saying why it was done. We are very careful in assorting them and count them over twice or three times and we do not see how it is possible that we could make such a mistake.

Yours etc Moyer Bros

Moyer Bros
Bloomsbury
Pa

Send \$120 in small
coin for redemption

Mr June 3, 1872

Groverport O

May 29th 1872

Dear Sir

I understand that
your Mint agrees to Exchange
Gold and Silver coin for
the Eagle Nickles of 1857 & 8 please
inform ^{me} if it is so and what
would be the smallest amt of
Nickles you will receive. Enclosed
find stamped envelop for reply

~~addres~~ Yours Respectfully, &c

John Byrne.

~~Groverport~~

Fraus

John Byrne
Groveport, Ohio
May 29/72

Worth of nickel cts
of 57 + 58. to be

Ans'd.

5-31-72 JCB.

Received
May 31/72

Mr. Comb Place -

Pittsburgh N.Y.

May 29 1872

To the Superintendent

U.S. Mint -

Philadelphia Penn.

Dear Sir -

Desiring to get up a gold medal for the "Best Shot" in my Battery, it has occurred to me that I might possibly procure from the mint one of the 10 dollar gold coin "Blanks" - which would certainly cost less and give me more satisfaction than if I were to get the medal made at a goldsmith.

I have the honor, therefore, to enquire whether I can

Procure such a blank from
the mint under your charge-
and if so what amt in
the form of a check or
currency I shall remit
to pay for the same, inclu-
ding the postage required
for its transmission to me
by mail, registered or otherwise,
and to whom I shall
address my communication
asking for it?

I am sure, as a Federal
Officer, you will gladly aid
me in any effort to increase
the efficiency of the Battery I
have the honor, to command.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully-
Your Obedt Servt
Lewis A. Langdon
Brig Lt Col U.S.A.

St. J. Loomis L. Langdon
U.S.A.
Plattsburg, N.Y.

Wants ten dollar
planchette on which
to strike gold medal

Rec June 1/72

ROBERT L. COLLETT.
HENRY L. CARR.

OFFICE OF
COLLETT & CARR,

Wholesale Grocers,
185 Howard St., Masonic Block,

Akron, Ohio,

May 27 1877

Super McMeit.

Dear Sir

We shipped apt 27th
one Box Coppers. From which we have had no
report. Would like to know if it was received.

Yours Respt

Collett & Carr
Mc

Collett & Co
Akron
Ohio

Asks after small coin
and for redemption

Re May 29. 1872

Mint of the United States
Treasurer's Office,

Philadelphia, May 25th 1872.

Hon. James Pollock

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir

I have examined with care the paper dated the 15th instant addressed by you to Mr. Cochran one of my subordinates. It forbids the usual entries in the books of my Office in the case of certain deposits and provides for a report from the Melter and Refiner to the Treasurer of the quantity of fine silver obtained and the charges to be made.

The 14th section of the act of Jan'y. 18th 1837 makes it lawful to refuse any deposit of less value than one hundred dollars and any bullion

so base as to be unsuitable for the operations of the Mint. The 2nd section of the same act makes it the duty of the Assayer to carefully assay all metals used in coinage whenever such assays are required. The Assayer being the proper officer to determine whether particular deposits are so base as to be unsuitable for the operations of the Mint and consequently to decide whether they are to be received or rejected, I have from the first instructed the weigher to avail himself of the opinion of that Officer whenever necessary.

A deposit which the Mint has received without objection and in the usual course of business manifestly is to be treated in the way provided by law. It is first to be melted, if necessary; next, assayed. When the deposit

is in such state as to require melting before its value can be ascertained, the weight after melting is to be considered the true weight.

With his report of the quality of the deposit, the Assayer is required also to communicate to the Treasurer such information as will enable him to estimate the amount of the charges to be made to the depositor for the expense of converting the bullion into standard metal fit for coinage. What shall be the subject of charge is stated in the law and the mode of fixing the rate is likewise prescribed.

From the report of the Assayer and the weight of the bullion, the Treasurer shall estimate the whole value of each deposit, and also the amount of the charges or deductions,

if any; of all which he shall give a detailed memorandum to the depositor; and he shall also give at the same time under his hand, a certificate of the net amount of the deposit to be paid in coins of the same species of bullion.

In transfers by the Treasurer to the Melter and Refiner, a careful record shall be kept, noting the weight and character of the bullion. In the Treasurer's account with the Melter and Refiner, the latter shall be debited with the standard weight of all bullion placed in his hands, that is to say, with the weight of metal of legal standard fineness which it will make.

Such is the law. It is general in its application and there is no provision for an exception in any supposable case. To observe the instructions

given in the letter to Mr. Cochran would be to violate the law as well as depart from the long-continued usage of the Mint.

The 2nd section of the act already quoted makes the Treasurer the keeper of all bullion except while the same is legally placed in the hands of other officers. He could scarcely acquit himself of responsibility by a delivery not in accordance with law, and he ought not be asked to assume the risks of two departments of the institution at one and the same time. This is just the position in which you put him if you require him to place bullion in the hands of the Melter and Refiner without the right to charge that officer upon delivery.

I ask you to consider what it is you require me to do. You forbid me

to enter the weights and assays which are the only proper foundation of my bullion account. This account I have to render quarterly and certify to its correctness.

At such time as you indicate the entries may be made, you require me to enter other and different data obtained through an officer not known to the law for any such purpose. An account so made up would not be a correct account. I am persuaded you have not reflected sufficiently upon the position in which you would place me.

I have respectfully to suggest the reference of the matter to the Secretary of the Treasury in order that it may be ascertained whether that officer will sanction so plain a violation of law and so great a departure from the established practice of the

Mint. In my opinion what you propose is a most dangerous innovation.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Treasurer of the Mint.

Treasurer of the Mint
on Parker Handy's
deposits of Silver &

~~May 25. 1872~~

Rec May 26/72

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 24th May. 1872

Hon. James Pollock.

Director of the U.S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

Of the 18 melts prepared for Ingots by me on the 21st May from N. Y. Silver, four were condemned by ^{our} ~~the~~ Assay ^{Dept} Office, as being below Standard.

For one of these I cannot account, & attribute it to some error, the source of which cannot be traced. But the other three being made from a N. Y. Assay Office Melt, of low standard, and to which a portion of the same lot of fine silver was added to bring the whole of each up to standard, there was manifestly some error in the Assay, either in that of the N. Y. Report or our own.

The Phil^a Mint No of the N. Y. melt is 468, reported by the Assay Office. N. Y. at .795 fine, and this number being confirmed by our Assayers, the three melts Nos 16, 17 & 18, were made up at that fineness, and melted

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia,

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only a few of the melts condemned, it follows, either, that the calculations are incorrect, or that the N.Y. assays of N^o 468 (viz. 795 m.) ; or our own assays of Ingots (732, 734, 736), are incorrect.

The calculations have proved correct upon revision, and I prefer adopting the Ingot Assays of our own Assayers, as the correct ones. It follows therefore that the N.Y. Assays of N^o 468 are incorrect.

I have calculated what the Assay Report of N^o 468 should have been, and find it to be on an average of the three assays $789\frac{62}{100}$ m. instead of 795⁰⁰

The difference between these two assays calculated to the whole weight of N^o 468, viz. $2411\frac{85}{100}$ oz. — gives $14\frac{1}{3}$ oz. with which I am charged, but which was not received.

May I ask of you the favor to exhibit this to the Commission.

From

Prof. Jas. C. Boesh

M + R

May 24 / 72

on subject of wastage
on deposits from the
N.Y. assay office

Received

May 25 / 72

on the 22nd May. The fine silver used to bring up the base metal of N^o 468 to Standard was a lot of N.Y. fine silver of 999 fineness. We aim to make our melts for Ingots up to 1650 oz., when there are no clippings, as in this case.

The following table exhibits all the necessary facts of the case, merely remarking that the practice of many years has proved to me that we should aim to make Silver up to 899 m. in order to secure coin of 900 fineness.

N ^o of melt of the day's work.	Nature of Silver, &c. used	Gross Weight oz.	Reported fineness	Standard Wt	Reported fine. of Ingots resulting	(And assay N ^o of Ingots)
16.	$\frac{1}{3}$ of N ^o 468 N.Y. fine silver Copper	808.90 — 853.00 — <u>1.83</u> 1663.73	795 — 999 —	714.53 946.83	1661.36 — at 890 $\frac{1}{2}$ — 890 $\frac{1}{2}$	(732)
17	$\frac{1}{3}$ of N ^o 468 N.Y. fine silver Copper	806.70 — 851.90 — <u>1.43</u> 1660.03	795 — 999 —	712.59 945.61	1658.20 — at 895 — 896	(734)
18.	$\frac{1}{3}$ of N ^o 468 N.Y. fine silver Copper	795.80 — 833.90 — <u>.69</u> 1630.39	795 — 999 —	702.96 925.63	1628.59 — at 893 $\frac{1}{4}$ — 894 $\frac{1}{4}$	(736)

Since the large lot of fine silver, reported at 999 m. and used at that fineness, was employed in some 50 melts, and

Bureau of Ordnance.

Navy Department.

Washington City. May 23^d 1872.

Mr.

James Pollock,

Director of U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please inform the Bureau
how soon you can deliver the
silver disks ordered on the 9th
instant.

I am, sir,

Your Obedt. Servt.,

A. S. Morrow

Chief of Bureau.

Com. A. Ludlow Case
Chief of Bureau Ordnance

May 23^d 1872

Inquiring when the
silver discs, ordered
on May 9th, will be
ready.

Received

May 24th 1872

OFFICE OF
JAMES SANDERS,

DEALER IN

Fine Watches, Jewelry, Silver Ware,
AND FANCY GOODS,

No. 109 State Street,

Schenectady, N. Y., May 21 1872

James Pollock Esq
Director
U. S. Mint.

Please find enclosed
Draft for One Hundred
Dollars - for "one
Cent."

Very Yours
James Sanders

J. W. Sanders
Schenectady
N. Y.

Sends \$100. dft for small
coin.

(dft returned for endorsement)

On May 22. 1872

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. FOCKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.,
H. PALMER, Sec'y } NEW YORK.

Dated

Washington May 23 1874

Received at

Hon Jas Pollock
Director U.S. Mint

Have you sent letter
to Secretary It has
not yet arrived
Send duplicate by
today mail addressed
to Hon Jas Jay Knox
A. London Snowden
Care Hon J. J. Knox

This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

From

A. L. Snowdon

C. Co.

Washington

Asking if letter was sent
in relation to reduction of
four cent redemption
Expenditure

May 23rd 1872 J. Am^o
to dir. of

to dir. of

to dir. of

to dir. of

to dir. of

to dir. of

to dir. of

to dir. of

to dir. of

May 23rd 1872

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 23rd May 1872

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

In settling my accounts for the past year, after I had delivered up all the solid silver in my possession to the Treasurer, it pleased the Treasurer's clerk to make Fine Bars, from the fine silver, which I had delivered up.

When requested to give my sanction to such work, I persistently refused to do so, simply because the silver ceased to be mine, after delivering it to the Treasurer, & I had no right to assent or deny action on Bullion in the legal possession of another.

Mr. Cochran therefore took the responsibility of making the Fine Bars.

When the fine silver was redelivered to me, I found to my surprise that Deposit, N^o.

457 (Philad.^a N^o) weighing $3576 \frac{97}{100}$, when rec^d.
by the Treasurer from N.Y. and which had never
been in my possession, weighed, when delivered
to me, $2 \frac{31}{100}$ oz. less than the amount charged to
me calls for. In all our operations on fine silver,
we consider a loss of $\frac{1}{100}$ of one per cent (or $\frac{1}{10}$ of
a thousandth) as the legitimate result of melting.

In the above case the legitimate allowance would
be nearly $0 \frac{36}{100}$ ozs. This amt., deducted from the
above actual loss, leaves $1 \frac{95}{100}$ oz. (= $2 \frac{16}{100}$ Standard)
as an illegitimate loss, for which I feel that I
must necessarily, make reclamation through
you from the Clerk, by whose action such
loss occurred. It is the more necessary to re-
claim this, because Mr. Cochran has been con-
tinually asserting that he can melt and re-
fine Gold & Silver without loss. Therefore either
he has lost it in melting, or still has it in
his possession, & should give it legally up.

Very truly, Yours,

J. H. Booth

M. & R.

Letter from Prof. D. C.
Booth, to Director
U. S. Mint, dated May
23/72, on the remelting
of fine silver by H. C.
Cochran, Clerk of the
Treasurer of the Mint
and the consequent
loss thereof.

May 23^d 1872

Received

May 23/72

Department of State

Washington May 20 1872

To the Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Pa.

Sir:

The Department is under the law and direction of the President in the habit of presenting to gallant sea captains who rescue the crews of wrecked American vessels from peril testimonials of its appreciation of their services. Some times there are a number to be rewarded and any pecuniary compensation that can be given does not seem to be exactly the thing. If two classes of medals could be made a gold and a silver one of some handsome style engraved with some

appropriate style in relief or rather stamped
it would better answer the purpose of
the Department.

What can the Mint make a gold
medal and silver medal, handsome
in design and not so large but that
it could be if necessary attached to
a ribbon and worn on the breast?

I am Sir

Respectfully

Your obedient servant.

Theodore W. Simon

Assessing Clerk

Theo. W. Dimon
Disbursing Clerk
Dept. of State

May 20th 1872

In relation to cost of
gold medal, to be
presented for rescue
of shipwrecked seamen

Received

May 21st 1872

Sir:

Will you please send me
the price of a hand some
morocco case, showing

John Jay Knox.
the obverse and reverse
of these coins, and also
the price of a leather Case
Comptroller of the Currency.

5.5.12

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Treasury Department.

May 20, 1872.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Department a complete proof set of the gold, silver, bronze and nickel coins now issued by the United States, together with a list of the coins and their denominational values. Upon the receipt of the coins, a draft will be sent you for reimbursement for their value.

Very Respectfully,
Wm A Richardson
Asst. Secretary.

Hon. Geo. Pollock,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Mr Wm A Richard, Jr
Asst Secy Treasury
Washington D.C.

Requests a complete
list of U.S. Coins

Rec May 21/72

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Form 63

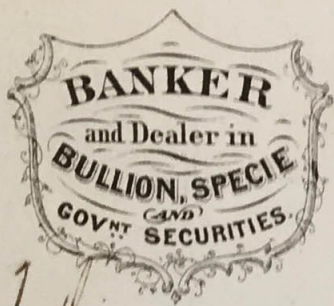
\$45 Philadelphia, May 22 1872
 Received from *Director H. S. Monk*
one Parcel sealed and said to contain
one - forty five Dollars
 Addressed *Hon W. C. Richardson*
Washington

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company are to forward the same to their agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents or of any portion thereof occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy, or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company or person to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

Freight,

For the Company,

Geo C Thompson



BANKING HOUSE
OF
Harker & Handy,

24 Nassau Street

New York May 18th 1872

To the

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
Director US Mint Phil^a Pa
Dn.

I beg respectfully to submit whether in view of the length of time my deposits have been in the Mint - approx^{ly} the longest - and the loss and inconvenience arising therefrom, you will not urge returns on receipts #148 #149 & #150 for \$ Dollars to be made on Tuesday if possible and nos 144 145 and 146 for Dimes & 1/2 dimes for Tuesday & Wednesday. The latter we are expected to furnish for Thursday's Havana Steamer. In either case if Thompson will telegraph me on Monday I will send over the receipts.

I will esteem it favorable
interposition in my behalf a very great obligation
upon

Yours Very Truly

H. Handy

H. H. Poultice

W.S. I have had no answer to my
letter to you & therefore suppose it was satisfactory

Parker Handy
New York
May 18th 1872

In relation to his
deposits of bullion

Received
May 21st 1872

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, May 17 1872

Hon. James Follock.

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith a statement marked "A" showing the actual weight of the Japanese coins submitted for my examination, with the deviation from the standards noted thereon. From this it will be seen that five (5) pieces are outside the legal tolerance named in the Schedule sent by Mr. Takoutsi.

Of these five (5), three (3) were over and two (2) under weight. The most noticeable deviation was in the Twenty (20) Sen, which I found to be $3 \frac{24}{100}$ outside the legal limits, or $4 \frac{24}{100}$ above standard weight. This may have been an accident. The piece was perhaps cut from the end of the strip, where the pointing rolls were applied.

Taking into consideration that this is the first coinage under the new law - with new men, new appliances, and perhaps an imperfect organization, I think the result is in the main creditable.

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, May 13 1872

Test of the weight of the new Japanese coins

Made

by the Chief Coiner U.S. Mint

May 13, 1872

Denomination	Standard Weight	actual Weight	Deviation			Remarks.
	Grams	Grams	L	S	H.	
<u>Gold.</u>						
20 Yen.	514.41	514.20	2/100			
10 "	257.20					No price of this denomination recorded
5 "	128.60	128.59	1/100			
2 "	51.44	51.81			34/100	12/100 outside legal tolerance
1 "	25.72	26.60			88/100	63/100 " " "
<u>Silver</u>						
1 Yen.	416.	415.14	83/100			
50 sen	193.	192.44	56/100			
20 "	77.20	81.44			4 24/100	3 24/100 outside legal tolerance
10 "	38.60	37.61	99/100			49/100 " " "
5 "	19.30	20.02	72/100			22/100 " " "

(signed) A. Loudon Snowden
Chief Coiner

Copy for Director's Office

Test of the weight

of

the new Japanese Coins

made

by the Chief Coiner U.S. Mint

May 13. 1872

As to the character and workmanship upon the dies, upon which my opinion was requested, I may observe that the engraving is coarse in character, and uneven in depth, and in the main too deep for Cornage dies. The dies are too flat - that is - they have not enough radius. The effect of having dies too flat is, that the deep work which should be, and usually is in the centre of the dies is not brought up - whereas if the dies are elevated in the centre, your deep work is brought up before the pressure is exerted upon the border or shallow work. The false border upon the dies is too wide, and so deep, that the reeding from the collar is not well up. To be frank, it is evident that the dies, both in the engraving, and the after work, was performed by persons not fully equal to the task. The defects of the coin arise to some extent from defective dies, yet there has been in this coinage, some neglect in the manufacture

The Milling is too heavy - that is too much metal has been thrown up. The Coins have not been well centred, that is if the obverse and reverse dies, were exactly of the same size as they should be, they were not centred properly in the collar.

The depth of the work upon the dies would account for the fact that the pieces are not well brought up, although in my judgment, more pressure should have been exerted in striking. The dies were not properly levelled in striking the pieces, which is evident from the fact that one edge or side of the coin is brought up, whilst the other is not. All these defects can and doubtless will be obviated by experience and care.

I have the Honor to remain
Very truly your obdt. servt.
(signed) A. London, London
Chief Clerk

Copy for Directors Office

Chief Coiner's Dept
U. S. Mint

May 17. 1872

A. London Snowden
Chief Coiner

Transmitting Statement
of a test of the weights
of the new Japanese coins

Ex. 113.
Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington. May 17 1872

Sir;

I return herewith, signed, Draft N^o 1953
\$2,000+ on Asst. Treasurer U. S., at Philadelphia,
sent unsigned in my letter of 15th instant.

Very respectfully
E. A. Munn
Treasurer U. S.

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

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Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington May 15th 1872

Sir,

I enclose my transfer check on Philadelphia
N^o. 1,953 for Two Thousand Dollars
(\$2,000[#]) for which please send me

In 5¢ nickels \$1.200

" 3¢ " 300

" 1¢ " 500 \$2.000

Two Thousand Dollars

Very respectfully
L. C. Smith
Asst. Treasurer U. S.

How Jas. Pollock
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Pa.

Reg. 5718/72
A. W. H.

Reas. W. S.

Order \$2,000. in
Base Coin.

Rec^d May 16/72



BANKING HOUSE
OF
Parker Handy,

24 Nassau Street,

New York May 16th 1872

To the
Hon^{ble} James Pollock
Director U^s Mint Phil^a Pa
N^Y C.

I have submitted of favor
15th inst. advised this evening to my Principal
and am authorized by him to confirm the
Agreement made April 19th in reference to the
Several lots of S^t Bullion sent you April 14th -
May 8th and of this date - that is to say,
"to sustain the loss whatever the 'mint'
'may find it to be in treating it after its'
'best methods' - or (according to W^m Booth's
later expression, understood to be the same thing)
'to accept in return the amt of pure silver
'where the 'mint' can by its best methods, extract
'from the S^t Bullion."

This agreement on my part
is with the understanding of my Principal, but
scarcely necessary to state, that no losses

on any previous lots, will be charged to these
- and with the hope also, ^{that} the 2^d chge, named
by Mr DuBois under date May 6th, will
not be excused on these lots.

Please make
Returns on each lot Separately - that is, let
each lot show its own Exp.ⁿ

I must be excused
for urging you to give us the Speediest
possible returns on our entire deposits with
you. The delay has been already so exceptional
as to have proved not only a serious loss ^{to me}, but
a vexatious interference with the course of my
business. Be pleased to do all you possibly can
to give us \$3000 in Dimes & 1/2 Dimes (in the
hope of 1/2 & 1/3) by Wednesday next - with as
much Bon Silver and Amer Dolls in addition
as you can.

Very Respy

P.S. If I should not get returns
next week there is every probability
that I shall lose the lot by not being
able to hold a Party to a contract.

Wm Handy

H. J. Forster,

1552

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Treasury Department.

May 16, 1872.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th ultimo, enclosing an estimate for the expenses at the Mint of redeeming, counting, cleaning and issuing the base metal coinage redeemed under the Act of March 3, 1871. Your estimate for wages of workmen, including material for bags, boxes, &c., for three months of the year ending June 30, 1872, is \$10,500, and your estimate for the next fiscal year is \$42,000, or at the rate of \$3,500 per month. These estimates are so large that I have decided to discontinue the manufacture and issue of this coinage from the Mint at the end of the present fiscal year. You are therefore requested to give immediate notice to all persons employed in redeeming and reissuing this coinage that their services will not be required after the expiration of the

Current fiscal year. The expenses incurred during the present fiscal year in preparing the coin for reissue will be paid out of an existing appropriation, and the necessary expenses of counting and bagging these coins, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, during the next fiscal year, can probably be paid out of a similar appropriation.

It is my intention to transfer to each of the depositories in the leading cities a portion of the minor coinage now on hand, and to fill all orders hereafter from these points, and not from the Mint, as formerly.

Very Respectfully,
Geo. B. Mitchell
Secretary.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

From
Secy. Treasury

May 16th 1872

In reference to base-
coinage; estimates
too large; instructions
to dismiss all persons
engaged in redeeming
it, ceasing manufacture
cc.

Received
May 17th 1872.

Washington, May 15th 1872.

Sir,

Your valued favor of the 14th inst is at hand, for which kindly accept my thanks.

In reply to your request for information, I have the honor to submit the following explanation, which although short, will be more fully extended should you desire.

First. On the back of the gold coin, the central figure represents a metallic mirror, which was deposited in the temple of Ise^{Iso.} by the founder of the present dynasty of which His Majesty the Emperor, is the 124 descendant, and is also symbolical of the "rising sun," which is the national name of the country.

Above and below it, are two emblems, ^{both} each of which form the Imperial crest. The lower one represents the purple flower of the Kiri tree, ^{having} leaving three stems with 5-7 and 5 blossoms and three leaves, and the upper one.

a chrysanthemum mathematically drawn containing sixteen segments of a circle. The two Imperial Standards, one with the sun, the other with the moon, are upon the sides. The wreath is composed on one side of Kiri leaves, and on the other of chrysanthemum leaves.

The face of the piece has in the centre the figure of a dragon, which by all Oriental nations is mythologically supposed to be the ruler of all Animals, (now only ^{ex} accepted,) and as such the universal emblem of wisdom and purity. It is placed upon the coin as symbolic of Imperial power.

The characters around the out side read "Great Sun Rising". [The national name of our Country called by foreigners, Japan,] third year of "Peace and Enlightenment," [which is the official title of the reign of our present Emperor.] then follows the special name and value of each coin.

Second. The bullion is largely supplied

by remelting old Japanese coin, and is
also taken from Japanese gold and
silver mines.

Third. The Government intend mak-
ing gold coin their legal tender, but a
certain amount of paper money will be
issued under proper restrictions.

7.th Three centuries ago, accounts in Japan
were kept in decimals, and the names
yen, sen and rin, are very old terms.
Within the past 300 years they have
undergone a change, and this new
coinage in a great measure, restores
the ancient system.

Very Respectfully
G. Fortoul.
First Secretary of the Embassy.

Hon James Pollock,
Director of United States Mint
Philadelphia. Penna.

G. Fou Koutsi
1st Sec'y Japanese
Embassy "

Explains the
devices & legends
on the new Japanese
coins.

Rd May 16. 1872

Boise City, May 14th 1872.

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit my oath of office, as prescribed by law of July 2^d 1862. I was not aware, that the oath, contained in the blank, forwarded to me by the Treasury Department, was not sufficient and I hope it will bear no influence on the time, from which I am entitled to receive my salary.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Walter Sawyer.

Boise City -
Albert Woller Nevada -
Assayed
U. S. Army office

Enclosed is
oath of loyalty

Rec May 28/72

Melted & refined Gold &c. in settlement from
June 26th 1871 to May 14th 1872.

Gold

Total amount of Gold delivered *Qrs.* 337.892.269

Redelivered	"	337.635.990
Seize	"	171.234
Wastage (legal <i>Qrs.</i> 675. ⁷⁸)	"	85.045
	<i>Qrs.</i>	337.892.269

Silver

Total Amount of Silver delivered *Qrs.* 3.430.953.99

Redelivered	<i>Qrs.</i>	3.419.302.39
Seize	"	3841.80
Wastage (legal <i>Qrs.</i> 6861. ²¹)	"	7809.80
	<i>Qrs.</i>	3.430.953.99

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 14th 1872

Sir

I humbly submit a statement of the settlement of the Melted & Refined Gold and Silver as to May 14th 1872, for your examination. It is proper that I should call your attention to the fact that the Silver Waste is in excess \$947⁸⁹ of the legal allowance, and as this cannot be covered by the issued warrant, it will necessarily have to stand open until the excess is made up either by the Melted & Refined or a specific appropriation of Congress.

I await your instructions as to the delivery of the bullion to the Melted & Refined.

Very Respectfully Yours
~~Frederick A. Johnson~~
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Hon James Pollock
Director, U. S. Mint

Geo. Eyles
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Enclosing annual
~~settlement~~ of M & R
gold and silver &c.
(June 24/71 to May 14/72)

Rec'd May 14/72

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 14. May. 1872

Hon. James Pollock

Director of the U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

I have examined the letter of Messrs. Parker, Handy, & Co., and remark on it, that they have misunderstood the purport of your letter of 11th Inst. quoted by them. The object of your letter was to obtain from them an Official Agent to the conditions of April 19th, through you as the Official head of the Mint, and that is all. I regret to say that we have progressed no further with the two last shipments of silver, deposited by ^{P. H. & Co.} ~~you~~ on the condition above named than to melt them preparatory to their being refined, & that, therefore, we cannot ~~inform them~~ give them even an approximate estimate of the losses in refining. We hope to commence our refining operations within

a day or two, at the furthest, and shall be able, probably, to give a satisfactory answer within a week or 10 days as to the amt. of wastage to be expected in refining. After that the course of business will progress uniformly, & we trust rapidly.

In the mean time I trust you will give instructions not to enter the weights & assays of the lot of Bullion of R. H. & Co last rec^d in our books, until the silver shall have been procured, "extracted" from it as fine silver, i.e. all we can get out of it.

In the mean time, in order to accommodate R. H. & Co. with all that we can legitimately, I would propose to let them have all that is contained ^{before refining} in the lot of Apr. 29th (about that date), & to deduct from the lot of May 9th (just rec^d) what may prove the wastages of both these lots in refining.

Very truly yours
J. A. C. Booth
M. & R.

From

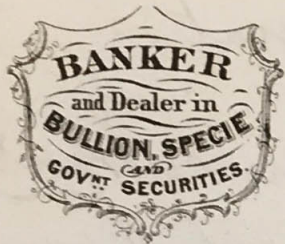
Prof. Jas. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

on the conditions upon
which the Bullion
deposited by Parker
Handy, shall be
received, & request=
ing that Treasurer's
clerk be instructed
to make no entry of
weights and assays
of such deposit, until
after Melter & Refiner's
Report.

May 14th 1872

Received

May 14th 1872



BANKING HOUSE
OF
Parker Handy,

24 Nassau Street

New York May 13th 1872

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
Director U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa
N.Y.

Thank you favor 11th inst in
reference to the lot of Nevada Bullion sent you
April 14th in which you state as a condition on
which you will now receive it that I shall "in
writing, agree to receive in payment only the
amount of pure Silver which the Mint by its best
methods may extract from it.

On the previous
requirement made this Geo C Thompson, under date
of April 18th, I answered April 19th - quoting the
language we were requested to assent to "I am willing
to pay 2¢ charge on the lot and sustain the loss
whatever it may be upon a fair trial by the
Mint's best methods, and only submit that as
this lot is so nearly the same in quality as the
previous lot hope it may be found to weigh
about as that did - Our Principals would be

hard to satisfy if any considerable variation
were to obtain

I am a lot to understand
why this concurrence with the requirements then
made does not now suffice, and which anxious
to meet your views, as now expressed, much beg
that you will favor me with some approximate
estimate of the probable result of this lot, under
the new ruling, based upon the workings as
far as they have progressed. Should the probability
be that the result would not be worse for my Principals
than that already made in a portion of this same
lot, as set forth in Mem #151 about 5000 02⁰⁰, I would
have no hesitation in accepting the conditions of
your letter - but if the ~~present~~ ^{thus far} workings on the lot
indicate a much greater loss, I would be obliged
to get the consent of my Principals before having the
balance melted. As the portion already worked
is worse in principle than the average of the lot I would
suppose that there would be no greater loss and that
we could agree to a new terms.

Very truly
J. H. Hardy
J. H. Hardy

PS The delay has damaged us 1%.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 13. May. 1872

Hon. James Pollock

Director of the U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

Anticipating an excessive wastage in the Silver Account in my annual settlement from the insufficient returns of Silver from its numerous points of accumulation in my department, I proceeded to Washington a week since, and laid the greater part of the facts before the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, stating the possible excess of wastage, and my view of its causes, and at the same time soliciting an exhaustive examination of the whole subject by competent persons.

Having had a favorable response from those to whom the subject was referred, that a commission would issue for the investigation, I now forbear entering further into details as I would have done, had no such commission issued, and gladly await their investigation.

investigations and decisions.

In the mean time I hold in readiness a sufficient amount of silver in fine bars to cover any excess of wastage beyond the legal allowance, if the Secretary of the Treasury should determine that it is my duty to pay it, however exhaustive it may prove to my limited means, & however unjust I may deem it in equity, in consideration of all the facts of the case.

Very truly yours
J. H. Booth
M. & R.

Prof Jas Booth
M.A.R.

Awaits arrival of
Commission from the
Treasury Dept, to
Examine into the
Cause of Excessive
Wastage in Silver
account.

Rec May 13/72

Boise City, May 13th 1872.

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia

Sir,

I have to-day written to the Secy of the Treasury, requesting him to get my salary raised if the new Mint Bill should fail to be passed by Congress.

It appears only just, that, since after the first of July the amount of work to be done by the Assayer & his responsibility will be considerably increased, he should receive an adequate compensation for it, but in the appropriation for the next fiscal year no such provision has been made.

Living out here is very expensive & the salary of the superintending officer of the U.S. Assay Office will after the first of July be barely more than what a common mechanic, who receives \$5⁰⁰ ^{coin} p. day, is earning & scarcely sufficient to support a family.

From these reasons I would respectfully
solicit also your influence in behalf of an increase
of my salary in the manner which may be deemed
most expedient by you & the Hon. Secretary.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
Albert Walters
Attorney.

Albert Walters
Attorney
Main City & County Office

Desires increase
of salary.

Rec^d May 21/92

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

Washington D.C. May 11th 1872.

for:

The Committee of Ways and Means have been requested to insert in the Tariff Bill, which they reported, and which is now pending in the House of Reps., a provision to fix the value of the new German coin, called "Mark", which, it is stated to the Committee, bears the value of one third of a Prussian Thaler, or twenty-three cents in the coin of our Country. Please inform me whether this estimated value is correct; and, if not, furnish the same as early as possible.

(Yours respectfully,

S. A. Finkelburg

Gov. James Pollock,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philad. Pa.

Ways + Means Com.
Hco. of Representatives
G.A. Finkelburg.
May 11th 1872

Information as to
the "Mark" of Germany

1872

Received

May 13th 1872

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 11. May. 1872

Hon. James Pollock

Director of the U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

Agreeably to your regulations I took the responsibility of forbidding the reception of some Base Bullion into the Mint, at least until I could see you personally. Learning from you this morning that the Silver was deposited on condition of our paying out only the amount of pure silver which we could by our best methods extract from the bullion, I herewith withdraw my objections to the reception of said silver or even of other lots of bullion, not too base, on the condition that the above condition be officially accepted by you from the party authorised to make such condition.

Very truly yours

La C Booth

M. & R.

From, Melted & Refined
May 11/72

on receiving base
bullion. Withdraws
objections &c.

Received
May 11th 1872.

Duplicate

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, May 11. 1872

Recd of Hon James Pollock, Director
of the Mint, Forty three $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars —
(\$43 $\frac{62}{100}$) in coin, in full for one gold
Silver and base metal proof set
U.S. Coins, forwarded to the Secretary
of the Treasury on the 3rd inst. for the
Secretary of State.

\$43.62 - coin

London Howard
Chief Coiner U.S. Mint.

A. Lunden & Son
C. C. U & M. M.

Recd for \$43.62 for
proof set for Secy &
State.

Recd May 11. / 72

C. L. C.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, May 10th, 1872.

Sir

In compliance with the request contained in your yesterday's letter I return herewith Certificate of Deposit No. 602, May 2^d 1872, of Wm. Miller, Depositary U. S. Mobile Ala for \$250⁰⁰, properly endorsed by me, to enable you to draw the money from the Assist. Treas^r U. S. Philadelphia and to send a like amount of 5 ¢ Nickel coin to the Mobile (Ala) Savings bank.

Very respectfully

C. S. Johnson
Treasurer U. S.

Jas. Pollock Esq
Director of the Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa

One enclosure

Sta. F. E. Spinner
Near W. D.
Washington D.C.

Return certificate
of deposit \$250. per
Mobile, Ala, endorsed
to the order of the
Director for F & nickel
coins.

Rec May 11/72

Assay Department,
U. S. Mint, May 10. 1872

For the Director.

As the Melter & Refiner declines to receive the last lot of silver from the house of Parker Handy, (not yet assayed, but said to average 715 fine,) I feel bound to say, that I understood it was formally agreed by the M & R., in a conversation in this office, that if Mr Handy would bear the necessary loss ~~of~~ in refining, and also an increased charge which would cover acid refining, we would continue to take such lots. On the strength of this, I gave notice to Mr Thompson, who wrote to Mr. Handy, & received his consent.

I do not know that the M & R has actually ascertained, by a formal, definite experiment, how much silver is necessarily wasted, in refining this kind of bullion. I should think, this lot affords a very good opportunity to make that experiment. But to turn it out of doors, and say that we will not receive it, "nor any silver under 800," (as he has this morning declared) is to place the whole Mint Establishment in a very embarrassing and precarious condition. Very large amounts of just such silver come eastward. In fact, very little else does come, from

Wm. E. Dubois, Esq
Asst Assayer U.S. Mint

Protests against
the rejection by the
M & R. of silver under
800 fine.

Rec May 11/72

THE MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK,

OF CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, ILL.,

May 1st 1872

Super M.S. Minn Philadelphia

Dear Sir

On the 20th of March I

enclosed to you our dft on German American Bank N.Y. City to in payment of an order for Nickels \$600. We have not received the mchd or any acknowledgement from you of the receipt of the dft. Please inform by return mail whether our letter has reached you or not

Oblige

J. A. Holmes

Manufacturers Nat BK
Chicago
Ill
J. A. Holmes—

Asks after \$1 sent
for small coin

Re May 13. 1872

All Official Letters to the Treasurer's Office must be addressed to the "Treasurer of the U. S.," and in replying to Letters from the "Treasurer's Office," the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

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Treasury of the United States,

Washington, May 9th 1878.

Sir:

I forward this day, to your address by Registered Mail \$37.50 in mutilated 5^c pieces, the bullion value of which I will thank you to ascertain and deposit with the Asst. Treas. U. S. in your City, in "currency transfer account" advising this office.

Very respectfully

Samuel H. Freeman
Treas. U. S.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Phil^a
Pa

Silver {
Deposit { 768

J. Silfillan
Treasurer U.S.

9 May 1878

Forwarding \$37¹⁵ in
mutilated silver for
deposit.

Recd 10 May 78.

Deposited at

No. *195* MEMORANDUM OF SILVER BULLION PURCHASED BY THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
 at Philadelphia, the *10*th day of *May* 1878 from *A. C. Thompson Agt. Ad. Collector*

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION	WEIGHT				Fineness 1000ths	Standard Weight		NET VALUE. @ \$1 $\frac{\quad}{100}$ per oz. st'd w't.	
	Before Melting		After Melting			Ounces	Dec.	Dollars	Cts.
	Ounces	Dec.	Ounces	Dec.					
34 pieces, Treas. U.S. Wash. D.C. Sale value \$37.15	2845		2830		901 $\frac{1}{2}$	2835		35	27
NOTE.—This memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and of no other value.									

I Certify that the net amount of the above *Deposit* *Thirty five 27*
 Dollars, payable only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number issued.

JAMES POLLOCK,
 Superintendent of the Mint.

In Gold Coin, . . \$
 " Silver Coin, . \$ *35.27*
 " Gold Bars, . . \$

By

A. Chatham

Bureau of Ordnance.

Navy Department.

Washington City. May 9. 1872

Mr James Pollock

Director, U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:—

The Bureau requests that you will have made for its use, fifty (50) silver discs similar in all respects to those previously made - bill for the same to be forwarded, as usual, to the Bureau for settlement.

I am Sir, Your Obedt Servant
A. S. Rowland
Chief of Bureau

Com. A. Ludlow Pass
Chief Bureau of Ordnance
Navy Department
Washington D.C.

~~Reque~~
Wants 50 Silver
disco, like formed
ins

Recd May 10/92

J.J.C. Hall

Treasury Department

May 8 1872

Sir:

I enclose herewith a coin draft of Riggs & Co., on Riggs & Co. New York, for Forty three and $\frac{62}{100}$ dollars, in payment of the complete proof set of gold, silver, copper, nickel, and bronze coins, received with your letter of the 3rd inst.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson
Assistant Secretary

Hon. James Pollock,
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Rec^d May 11. 1872 of Hon James
Pollock, Director of the Mint, Forty three $\frac{62}{100}$
Dollars (\$43 $\frac{62}{100}$) above specified
Duplicate
W. A. Richardson
Chief Coiner U. S. Mint

Wm. A. Richardson
Asst Secy Treasury

Enclosing coin draft
for \$4362 for proof
set furnished to the
State Department

[Recd of Chief Commr
and used within]

Recd May 9/72

No. 463

United States Treasury.

New York, May 6, 1872

I Certify, That Thos. Hillhouse, Treasurer

U.S. assay office, N. Y.,
this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States

Ninety three hundred ⁴³/₁₀₀

Dollars, on account of available profits, from Aug. 1st. to -
March 30, 1872, pursuant to act of July 20, 1868,
for which I have signed ^{quadruplicate} ~~triplicate~~ receipts.

$\$9,300 \frac{43}{100}$ G.C., 5,805.07
S.C., 3,495.36

W. G. Whit
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

United States Assay Office,

New York, May 7, 1872.

Sir:

I send herewith triplicate receipt of the Asst. Treasurer U. S. for \$9,300 ^{$\frac{43}{100}$} deposited to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. by the Treasurer of the Assay Office, on acc of available profits from Jan. 1st to Mch. 30th, 1872.

Very Respectfully,
Thos. C. Nelson
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock,

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia.

Penn^a.

N. Y. Assay Office

Enclosing certificate of
net profits \$9,800.⁴³
from Jan'y 1/72 to Mch
30/72

Rec May 8/72



B. F. Stevens,
17, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden.
London. 7 May 1872

Gov. Jas. Pollock
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure
to acknowledge the receipt of your
favour of April 25th and thank
you for your draft £1. 11. 3 for Coins.

While I regret that
there were not more Coins in the
Collection to suit you I am glad
that your Cabinet is so well supplied
as not to need them.

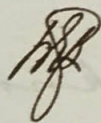
When I can be of
use to the Mint or to yourself

I hope you will not fail to
command me.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

B. F. Stevens



B. F. Stevens, Esq
Hapatak Agent
London, England

ACK^d remittance of
£1.11.3 in payment of
coins for Cabinet.

Rec^d May 21/72

Treasury Department,

Office of Comptroller of the Currency,

Washington, May 2, 1872.

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure
of introducing and com-
mending to your kind
offices Mr. T. Kawage, Secre-
tary of the Japanese Embassy
and Mr. Wakayama, of the
Department of finance in
Japan.

These gentlemen have
been spending some time
in this city, and propose
to visit the Mint during

their stay in Philadelphia,
and you will very much
oblige me by furnishing
them every facility for in-
specting the processes of
refining the precious metal-
als, and of the manufacture
of coinage.

Very Truly Yours,

Thos. Jefferson

Hon James Pollock,

Director U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Hon. Geo. Jay Knox
May 2^d 1872

Introducing A. T.
Kawage, of Japan

Received
May 17/72

Morristown Tenn
May 1st 1872

James Pollock Esqr
Philadelphia
Pa

Dear Sir

In looking around
through North Carolina & the mountainous portion
of East Tennessee. My attention was attracted by some
of ^{the} Metamorphic Group & Crystalline Rocks, a sample
of which I enclose in a Paper box by mail to your
address today. For your opinion after testing it.
Of this kind of Rock I think I could get some
small quantities, although it seems very scarce.

Are you prepared at the Mint for grinding
the rock when in bulk, if not, will you please
advise me, also any other information that you
may deem necessary, will be thankfully received
hoping to hear from you soon I am Very Respectfully

Your friend & obt Servt
Joseph N. Gammon

This is simply an inferior limestone,
and contains no precious metals, nor
is it an ore of any metal.

Jos. H. Gammon
Morristown
Tenn
May 1st 1872

Ore for assay &

ans'd.

May 4th 1872

Received

May 4th 1872.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1872 / MAY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1872/June

STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS

AT THE

MINT OF THE U. S., PHILADELPHIA,

For the *Fiscal Year* ending *June 30th* 18*82*

UNITED STATES BULLION.

DESCRIPTION.	VALUE.		VALUE.	
GOLD.	DOLLARS.	CTS.	DOLLARS.	CTS.
Alabama,	1989	49		
Arizona,	347	82		
California,	12709	79		
Colorado,	31124	22		
Branch Mint Colorado	7423	89		
Georgia,	19061	72		
Idaho,	25896	69		
Montana,	126400	16		
Nebraska,	118	29		
Nebraska, <i>Kansas</i>	163	26		
New Mexico,	18745	69		
North Carolina,	27228	86		
<i>Branch Mint N. Carolina</i>	3573	42		
Oregon,	2566	74		
South Carolina,	1575	29		
Utah,	30540	26		
Vermont, <i>Unknown Source</i>	6395	78		
Virginia,	528	82		
Washington Territory,	1731	10		
<i>Wyoming Territory</i>	6654	64		
PARTED FROM SILVER,				
			329356	74
Mint Bars Re-deposited,	1616694	28		
Mint Bars, <i>U.S. assay o. n. y.</i>	122007	62		
U. S. Coin,	200564	20		
Jewelers' Bars,	5808	94		
Foreign Coin,	44342	00		
Foreign Bullion,			1989417	04
			2318773	78
Total Gold,				
			98125	16

195 Gold Bars Stamped,

Redeposits U.S. Bullion Colorado
 " " " " N. Carolina
 " " Assay o. n. y. o. k

7423 89
 3573 42
 1616 694 28

STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS---Continued.

DESCRIPTION.		VALUE.		VALUE.	
SILVER.		DOLLARS.	CTS.	DOLLARS.	CTS.
U. S. BULLION.	Unknown Source	2718	31 ✓		
	California , North Carolina	133	13 ✓		
	Colorado,	2772	62 ✓		
	Georgia , Utah Territory	2846	61 ✓		
	Idaho,	1078	93 ✓		
	Lake Superior,	5747	94 ✓		
	Nevada,	32350	109 ✓		
	Oregon New Mexico	9422	10 ✓		
	Montana	246	22 ✓		
	PARTED FROM GOLD,	11048	28 ✓	X	359545 23
Mint Bars Re-deposited,					
Fine Bars, U.S. Assay O.N.Y.		1507	173 18 ✓		
U. S. Bullion, Coin		105	638 56 ✓		
Jewelers' Bars,		21	571 84 ✓		
Foreign Coin,		6	562 55 ✓		
Foreign Bullion,		132	50 ✓		1641078 63
Total Silver,				✓ #	2000623 86
647 Silver Bars Stamped,				#	72976 95
Total Gold and Silver,				✓ #	4319397 64
842 Total Fine Bars, (Gold and Silver,)				#	171102 11

STATEMENT of DEPOSITS

AT THE

MINT of the U. S.,

PHILADELPHIA,

For the *Fiscal Year* ending

June 30. th 1872

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 187

Comage for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1872

Gold.

	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Value</u>
Double Eagles.	100,505	\$ 2,010,000.
Eagles.	1,800.	18,000
Half Eagles.	2,090	10,450
Three Dollars.	2,030.	6,090
Gr. Eagles.	3,030	7,575
Dollars.	1,030.	1,030
	<u>110,485</u>	<u>\$ 2,053,145</u>

Silver

	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dollars.	1,109,435.	1,109,435
Half Dollars.	1,039,635.	519,817.50
Gr. Dollars.	148,235.	37,058.75
Dimes.	1,839,535.	183,953.50
Half Dimes	2,580,035	129,001.75
Three Cents.	2,035	61.05
	<u>6,718,910</u>	<u>\$ 1,979,327.55</u>

Base Comage

	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Value</u>
One Cent	932,000.	9320.
Two Cent	308,500.	6,170
Three Cent	611,000.	18,330.
Four Cent.	1,784,000.	89,200
	<u>3,635,500</u>	<u>\$ 123,020</u>

Total Pieces.

10,464,895

Total Value

\$ 4,155,492.55

London Warden
Chief Coiner

U. S. Mint

Statement of Coinage
for Fiscal Year ending
³⁰
June 1872

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., June 30th 1872 -

Sir:

On the 12th of February 1871 - I made a temporary appointment of Mr. Alexander Roper as Assayer in this office. Mr. Walters the assayer was on a visit to Europe and did not appear and qualify until the 10th of May of the present year. Mr. Roper performed his duties faithfully and I ask that his appointment be approved by yourself and the Secretary of the Treasury - to the end that he may receive the compensation.

On the 20th of February last the late Mr. Wm. D. Hughes resigned and I also gave a temporary appointment to Louis Schall who discharged the duties until the close of the quarter - I would ask a like approval in his case that my accounts paying their salaries in both instances.

may not be very surprised.

Respectfully yours

Dr. James Fallock

Director of the Mint

Dr. Ruel Bria

Sept.

If you approve will you be kind enough
to transmit to the Department -

I Rm -

Spay Office
Boim leity -

Letter asking approval
of Pro tem - appointments
of Surgeon & Clerk -

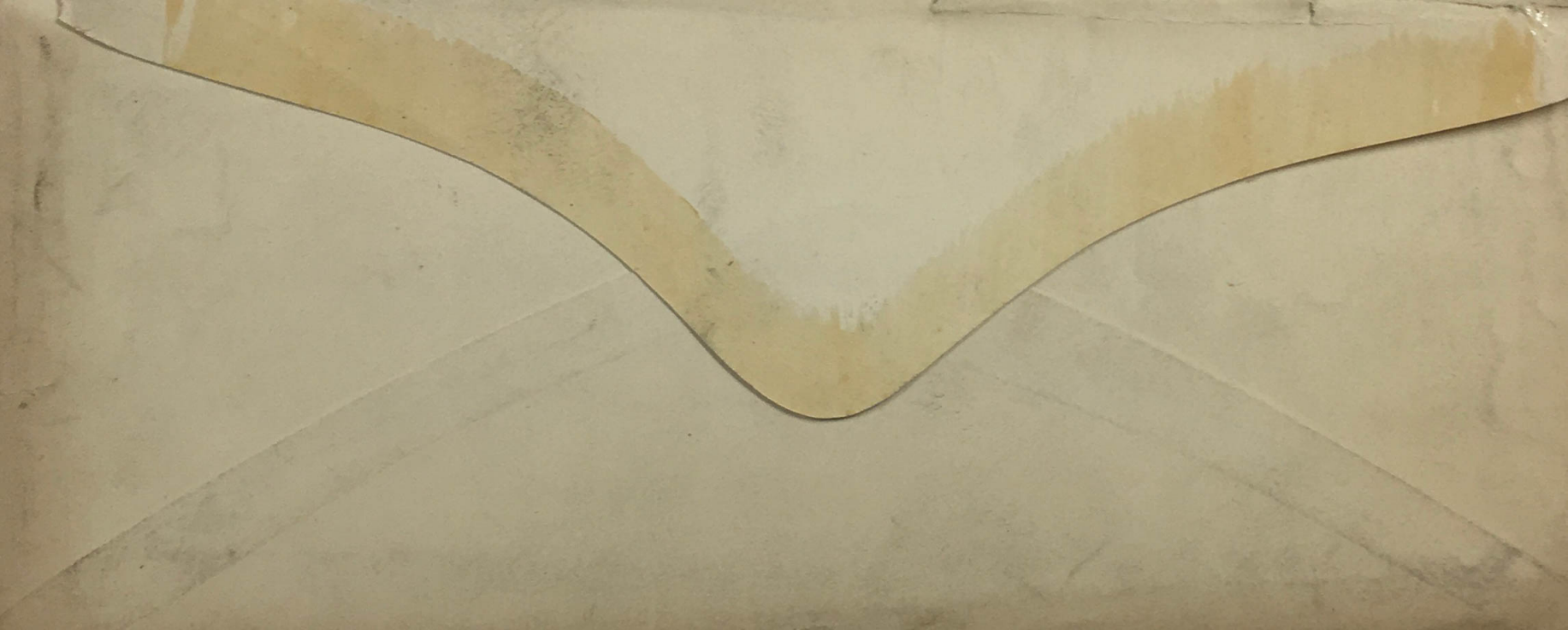
Recd July 23/72

Mint of the United States.

20 June 1872

Last fiscal year.

1871-1872



Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Aug²³ 1872

Am James Pollock
Director.

Sir

As directed
by you I have examined, and find
there are no outstanding debts
due from the Engravers department
of the U.S. Mint, up to this date

Respectfully Yours,
Wm Barber
Engraver

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Aug 23 1872

For the Director.

We have no outstanding
bills, to June 30.

Respy

W E Dubois

asst assayer

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 23rd. Aug. 1872

Hon. James Pollock,

Director of the U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your request to furnish you with the names and amounts of any accounts of the last fiscal year, not yet closed; I have to report that there are no unclosed accounts, in this department, for the last fiscal year.

Very respectfully

A. B. Boyd.

for M. & R.

3556
Treasury Department.

June 29, 1872.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. in reference to the discontinuance of the receipt of base silver bars. Upon the receipt of the report of the Commission, which will be made during the coming week, as I am informed, and of your own communication, to which you refer, the whole subject of the receipt of such base metal at the Mint will be fully considered by the Secretary.

I have also received your letter of the 20th inst. The Act of March 3, 1863, to which you refer, provides that the Treasurer may, in his discretion, authorize a Chief Clerk to act in his place. If no person has been thus authorized it is clear that all official communications should be addressed to the Treasurer of the Mint,
and

and not to any of his subordinates.

Very Respectfully,

J. D. Hunter

Acting Secretary.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Asst Secy Treasury
(Huntley)

Secy Brewster
will fully consider
the question of base
silver bullion.

Official com-
munications should
be addressed to the
Treasurer of the Mint
not to this Clerk.

RC July 11. 1872

Philadelphia 9th Sept 1872.

M The Mint of the United States
Bought of POWERS & WEIGHTMAN,

THOMAS H. POWERS,
WILLIAM WEIGHTMAN.

MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS,

South-West corner of Ninth and Parrish Streets.

NET CASH.

40 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. <u>Nitric Acid C.P.</u>	35	1012
Box 50 6 bottles	28	218
		<u>1230</u>

Shipped to
U. S. Assay Office
Pocatello City Idaho.

If Mr Moltus has not been replied to, it would be well to inform him, that each Assayer prepares his own test or fine gold & silver.

A quantity of each was prepared & sent, to start with, some months ago. It cannot be expected that the Appropriation shall be resorted to, to pay for fresh materials of this sort. Fine gold & silver can be worked over & over, forever.

The cupels & acids are a different sort of material, & we can furnish them.

Chas. B. Ham.

100 lb Bm anL 5.00

Making 1,000 cups 12.00.

1 Bpt & Co. 1.50

\$ 18.50

95.16

$$\begin{array}{r} 276.13 \\ 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2

$$\begin{array}{r} 274.13 \\ 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10775 \\ 100 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 106.15 \\ 100 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 50836 \\ 376 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 50460 \\ 376 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$36.28 \checkmark$$

$$200$$

$$11$$

✓
✓

$$\begin{array}{r} 38.45 \\ 35 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 38.15 \\ 35 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Form No. 64.

This Receipt properly filled up by the Shipper, must accompany the Freight.

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD COMPANY'S

FREIGHT STATION,

Corner of Thirteenth & Market Sts.

NOTICE. Persons desiring Information respecting Goods shipped by this Company, to be forwarded to points beyond Pittsburg, will please address the Consignee at Pittsburg, instead of Shippers at Philadelphia.

When goods for more than one mark are comprised in one Dray-load, separate receipts must be sent for each.

Goods intended to go through by Rail Road, beyond Pittsburg, must be clearly and plainly marked on the packages, "Through by Rail Road."

Through and Local Freight will not be received after 6 o'clock, P. M. Local Freight must have the name of the Station at which it is to be delivered plainly marked on the packages and on this receipt.

DRAY ENTRANCES.

Through Freight, 13th and Market Streets.

Local Freight, 15th and Market Streets.

RECEIVED, Philadelphia, Sept 2 1872.
of U S Mint

the following articles, contents and condition unknown, to be carried and delivered upon the terms and according to the agreement as specified on the back of this receipt.

MARKED:

U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Via Kelton Idaho
Via E. L.

Number and Description of Packages.

one Box under
Hamm

42, 51, 6
for Ben of London

Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.

It is agreed, and is part of the Consideration of this Contract:

1. That all goods received for transportation shall be properly packed and distinctly marked with the name of the consignee and the Station where and to whom consigned.

2. That the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company shall not be responsible for the melting of ice; decay or injury to perishable articles from heat or cold; or for any loss, injury or damage from the dangers of rail road transportation, explosions, fire in stores, depots, or in transit, leakage, breakage, theft, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Company or its servants; nor liable for any damage to glass or fragile articles, unless herein specially insured. And when goods are intrusted to any other Company or person (which said Pennsylvania Rail Road Company is hereby authorized to do), such Company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the Agent of the owner, and as such alone liable; and the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company shall not in any event be responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such Company or person; nor in any event shall the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at the office of said Company in Philadelphia, within five days after the time when said property has or ought to have been delivered. The goods transported shall be subject to a lien—and may also be retained for all arrearages of freight and charges due on other goods by the same consignee or owner.

Freight to be paid upon the weight of goods as ascertained by the Company's scales.

3. Storage will be charged on goods allowed to remain over twenty-four hours in the Depots or Warehouses of said Company.

4. Articles coopered will be charged therewith.

5. Gunpowder, Gun-Cotton, Friction Matches and like combustibles, are not received or transported under this contract.

6. Goods at private turn-outs shall be at the owner's risk until attached to, and after they are detached from the train.

7. All articles will be at the risk of the owners at the several "way stations" and platforms where Depot Buildings have not been established by the Company, from the moment such articles are delivered from the cars as *directed or marked*.

8. Freight carried by this Company must be removed from the Station at Pittsburg *during business hours* on the day of its arrival, or it may be stored at owner's risk and expense, and in the event of its destruction or damage from any cause while in the depot of the Company, it is agreed that said Company shall not be liable to pay any damages therefor.

9. The responsibility of the Company under this Bill of Lading to commence upon the shipment of the goods from this Station, and to terminate when unloaded from the cars.

Machinery, Furniture, Stoves, Agricultural Implements, and all similar articles, when not packed in boxes will always be at owner's risk of breakage from handling, or any other cause.

United States Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho, June 29th 1872.

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Sir,

Please cause the following articles to be
forwarded for use at this Office

20 ozs of pure silver

1 oz. of pure gold.

1000 French cupels.

3 bottles of conc. nitric acid, chem. p., 10 lbs each.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
A. Wolters

Assayer.

Boise City Assay Office

Wants some pure gold;
more silver; French cups;
C.P. nitric acid.

Rec July 8/72

Sum B

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington June 27th 1872

Sir,

I inclose herein my Transfer check, No. 2129 on Asst. Treasurer, Philadelphia, \$2.000th, subject to your order, for which please forward to this office, nickel coin —

In 5¢

\$ 1.200.

" 1¢

800. — \$ 2.000th

Very respectfully

C. S. Ginn
Treasurer U.S.

Reg. 6/28/72
Recd

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treas. U. S.
(Spencer)
Washington D.C.

Enclosing check,
\$2,000, of \$5 & \$1
base coins.

Recd June 28/72

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blank of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated Detroit Mich June 28 1872

Received at 535
To Mink Company

How soon can you
sent one thousand
silver dollars here
eighteen seven two
Please answer at once
at what price

21 Pd *J. W. Dyer*
Howard House
S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

This Message first received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

J. C. Hecktner
Detroit
Mich.

Wants 1,000
Silver dollars

Rec'd Jan 28/72

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 29 June. 1872

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

Desirous of leaving
the City for a few weeks at furthest, and
by reason of the Advice of Dr John^T Meigs,
may I ask you the favor of appointing
"some person" to act in my place during
my absence, agreeably to General Mint
Law, Section 4.

Not having been absent from the Mint
more than 2 or 3 days at a time (4 then
often from indisposition) for a period of
12 years, the request for absence may
certainly be regarded as reasonable.

As I shall be at Atlantic City (the Ocean
House), I hold myself ready to come up
to the City in obedience to Telegram or Letter
at any time.

Very truly yours
J A B Booth

From

Prof. J. C. Booth

M + R

June 29th 1872

Asking appointment
of some one to act in
his place during his
absence.

June 29th 1872. N. B. Boyd
Esq. appointed to act as
M. + R. in the absence of
Prof Booth. J. C. Foley
Secy

STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS

AT THE

UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE, NEW-YORK,

For the *Fiscal Year* ending *June 30th* 187*2*

UNITED STATES BULLION.

DESCRIPTION.	STANDARD WEIGHT.		VALUE.		TOTAL VALUE.	
	GOLD.					
	OUNCES.	DEC.	DOLLARS.	CTS.	DOLLARS.	CTS.
Alabama,						
Arizona,	327	334	6089	96	X	
California,	20603	375	383318	61	X	
Colorado,	9755	073	181489	60	X	
Dacotah,						
Georgia,	991	858	18453	02	X	
Idaho,	38773	690	721557	08	X	
Montana,	168616	992	3136874	12	X	
Nebraska,	309	399	5756	30	X	
Nevada,	3433	841	63885	40	X	
New Mexico,	4270	047	79442	76	X	
North Carolina,	3643	334	67782	99	X	
Oregon,						
South Carolina,	27	857	518	27	X	
Utah,	1952	640	36328	20	X	
Vermont,	8	175	152	09	X	
Virginia,	8921		16599		X	
Wyoming,	1223	602	22764	71	X	
Congress Medal	15	597	390	18	X	
Source Unknown	1359	059	25284	80	X	
PARTED FROM SILVER,	7796	550	145052	04	X	
Total U. S. Bullion,	263	117344			4895206	12X
Mint Bars Re-deposited,	50698	979	943236	79	X	
U. S. Coin,	14029	514	261014	28	✓	
Jewelers' Bars,	29626	359	551188	06	✓	
Foreign Coin,	10786	846	200685	45	✓	
Foreign Bullion,	24242	012	451014	19	✓	
Total Gold,	129383	710			2407138	77
	392501	054			7302344	89✓
Gold Bars Stamped,						
Nos. 3873 @ 10.391	382208	390	7110853	76	X	
1 @ 4.621						

STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS---Continued.

DESCRIPTION.	STANDARD WEIGHT.		VALUE. @ \$1.16 1/4 per oz. st.		VALUE. @ \$122 1/2 per oz. st.		TOTAL VALUE.	
	OUNCES.	DEC.	DOLLARS.	CTS.	DOLLARS.	CTS.	DOLLARS.	CTS.
SILVER.								
Arizona,								
California,	63	144 12	35	823 58	39	638 79	75	462 37✓
Coiorado,	210	042 95	201	460 80	45	217 88	246	678 68✓
Georgia,								
Idaho,	239	64		278 85			278	85✓
Lake Superior,	543	009 30	629	076 60	2	935 77	632	012 37✓
Montana,	65	897 08	56	698 25	21	035 62	77	733 87✓
Nevada,	701	859 61	692	046 90	131	236 37	823	283 27✓
North Carolina,								
Oregon, Nebraska	152	129 29	177	023 12			177	023 12✓
New Mexico	25	944 73	23	095 16	7	469 13	30	564 29✓
Utah	218	704 33	253	430 94	1	117 30	254	548 24✓
PARTED FROM GOLD.	71	121 18				87 110 77	87	110 77✓
Total U. S. Bullion,	2052	092 23	2068	934 20	335	761 63	2404	695 83
Mint Bars Re-deposited,	5	405 17	3	994 06	2	416 67	6	410 73
U. S. Coin,	39	475 13	24	330 69	22	743 19	47	073 88
Jewelers' Bars,	133	399 40	148	966 32	6	592 25	155	558 57
Foreign Coin,	137	409 83	76	224 19	88	081 84	164	306 03
Foreign Bullion,	77	748 86	81	576 17	9	365 50	90	941 67
	393	1138 39	335	091 43	129	199 45	464	290 88
Total Silver,	2445	530 62	2404	025 63	464	961 08	2868	986 71
Silver Bars Stamped, 5109 14,364 Nos. @ 7276	1949	011 63	2267	940 80				
							Total Gold,	7 302 344 89
Total Gold and Silver,								10 171 331 60
Total Fine Bars, returned for Coin (Gold and Silver,)							9 47 044 98 8 157 181 12	204 226 10
Bullion Transmitted to the Mint for Coinage.								
Gold,								1 616 694 28
Silver,								1 547 469 08
Total,								3 164 163 36

STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS

AT THE

United States Assay Office,

NEW-YORK,

For the *Fiscal Year* ending

June 29 1872.

Camden June 25 1872

Messrs of the mint department
Sir Please

inform me if Dr Woodruff has
ever sent you any Ores to be
tested by you and if they have
been tested what the test was and
if there has not been any sent you
I will send you some specimens
that I have got, if there is any
charges to pay I wish you would
tell us how much these will be
These Ores we have we think will
have a good test

Please answer this by return of
Mail and much oblige us
Direct to Wellington Chaseland
Camden
Onida Co NY

W. Cleveland
Camden
N.J

The minds belong
to Wellington Chandler
and Martha

Wants to know if Dr
Woodcraft has sent her
array

Re June 27. 1872

Copy
Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, June 25 1872

Hon. James Pollock

Director U. S. Mint

Sir

In reply to your request to report upon the letter of Mr. Champlin, Chairman of Sub-Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Washington in relation to the last Amazon medal, struck under instructions from Mr. J. C. Wilson, I would make the following statement. When the order was received from Mr. Wilson I caused to be struck a medal, which when the bills were made out to the Medal Dept., I discovered was less in value by \$2.96, than the one struck last year. Thinking that it was desirable to have the medals sent each year as near of the same value as possible, I ordered another to be struck with the value to correspond as near as possible to the medal delivered in 1871. This was done, and the bill made out to correspond with the increased weight. Upon these bills a settlement was made with your Dept., and the medal placed in a velvet case, and forwarded to Mr. Wilson.

It would seem however from the letter of Mr. Champlin and my own Examination since its reception, that in casing the Medal, the light instead of the heavy one was taken. This mistake is my own, as

I took the medal from the vault, at the time supposing that the light one had been turned in to be delivered as clippings to the Melter & Refiner. In this I was mistaken as the heavy one is still in the hands of the Melter & Refiner. If Mr. Champlin will send the one in his possession, I will be happy to exchange it for a heavy one.

It is proper however to state, that the difference is not between \$2.10 and \$20.00 as Mr. C. assumes, but between \$12.10 and \$14.70, which is the amount of Gold in the heavy medal. The difference between this sum, and the amount charged by the Medal Dept, to wit: \$20.00 in gold is made up by loss of bullion, and the expense of manufacturing the medal, and also by the profit which is charged upon all medals, and which accrues to the Medal Fund. Of the \$25.30, currency transmitted by Mr. Wilson, \$24.96 was employed as follows.

Paid Medal Department	\$20.00 Gold
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Premium on same	2.28
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Velvet Case	2.50
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Dockets used in sending for case	.18
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	\$24.96

Amount received	
	25.30

Balance transmitted to Mr. Wilson	.34c
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I regret the mistake in transmitting the wrong medal

and hope Mr. Champlin will give me an opportunity to correct it. The error arose from a desire on my part to do the best for Mr. Wilson possible — from this the duplication occurred and the mistake followed.

Hoping this explanation may prove satisfactory to Mr. Champlin.

I have the honor to remain

Your obedient servant
(Signed) A. Loudon Swindle
Chief Clerk

Copy of Letter

from

A. Loudon Snowden

Chief Clerk

to

Hon. James T. Pollock

Director U. S. Mint

dated

June 25. 1872.

Subject.

Report on letter of
Mr. Champlin of
Washington, in ref-
erence to American
Medal

Rec June 25/72

Atter House

N. York June 24th 1872

Hon. James P. Allack
Director of the U. S. Mint,

Dear Sir In the course of our inquiries
at the Assay Office of this City,
we have come to the conclusion
that it will be desirable to per-
sue some further investigations
in connection with the base
bullion of Parker Handy.

We would therefore respectfully
request that you will direct that
at least six of the large pigs, of
said bullion be retained for our
experiments; and should the same
have already been melted into
bars, that the Treasurer's Clerk retain
and equivalent weight of the bars

resulting from such meeting
We have the honor to remain
Yours Very Respectfully

H. Linderman

R. E. Rogers
Communion on the stage

Dr. H. R. Linderman
Prof. R. E. Rogers
Comd^g a Wartage
New York

Requests to page 7
Parker Standys base
silver bullet to be
retained for further
investigation.

Rec^d June 26/72

Minersville, June 22nd 18

To the Officers of the
Philadelphia Mint.

Sir. believing what is
contained in this envelope
to be western gold I hope
you will send its
value to

Thomas Scully
Minersville
Schuylkill County
Pennsylvania

Thos. Scully
Minersville Pa
June 22^d 1872

Western Gold; want to
value ret'd.

Ans'd

June 25/72

Received

June 25/72

5572.

S

Treasury Department

Office of the Secretary.

June 20, 1872.

Sir:

I transmit, by today's express, a complete set of the new Japanese gold and silver coins, (with the exception of the Ten Dollar gold piece, which is to be sent hereafter,) which have been presented to the government of the United States by the Japanese Minister, to be deposited in the Cabinet of the United States Mint.

I also enclose herewith a copy of a letter of Iwano Hirobumi Ito, Associate Ambassador, from the

Treasury Department.
Office of the Secretary.

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Emperor of Japan to the Treaty
Powers, addressed to the Secretary
of the Treasury, giving the denomination,
fineness and weight of each coin.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson

Acting Secretary.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Copy.

Washington.

March 20th. 1872.

Sir:

I have the honor of sending you herewith, a box containing a set of specimens of Japanese new coins, (of which ten dollar piece is not yet coined) and request you will kindly forward the same to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The description of the coins is enclosed.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant,
Ishikawa Hirobumi Iwō,
Associate Ambassador from the Emperor
of Japan to the Treaty Powers.

To
Hon G. B. F. F. F.
Secretary of the Treasury

Copy.

Gold Coins.

Denomination.	Fineness.	Weight. (grammes)
One yen.	$\frac{9}{10}$	$1\frac{2}{3}$
Two "	$\frac{9}{10}$	$3\frac{1}{3}$
Five "	$\frac{9}{10}$	$8\frac{1}{3}$
Twenty "	$\frac{9}{10}$	$33\frac{1}{3}$

Silver Coins.

One yen	$\frac{9}{10}$	26.957.
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Silver subsidiary

Fifty Sen	$\frac{8}{10}$	12.5-
Twenty "	$\frac{8}{10}$	5-
Ten "	$\frac{8}{10}$	2.5-
Five "	$\frac{8}{10}$	1.25-

Setty Lucy Treasurers
(Richardson)

Forwards set
of new Japanese
Coins, with des-
cription list.

Recd June 21/72

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, June 20th 1872

Hon James Pollock
Director of the U.S. Mint

Dear Sir,

In response to your inquiry, I beg leave to reply that we have, in our department, 4860 lbs. a.d.p. of Minnesota Copper, which we use exclusively for our Gold & Silver alloy; and which we find indispensable.

We have not made any Bronze melts for over a year. And in making melts of Nickel for 5¢ & 3¢ pieces we use the old Nickel Cent, bringing it up to the present standard, by the addition of Nickel.

Very respectfully Yours

A. B. Boyd

5 lbs copper in combination with nickel

We have also about 6 tons of
Copper, in combination with Nickel
which we are now using in making
Base Metal for 5¢ & 3¢ Nickel Coins.

N.B.B.
for M & R

Melter & Refiner
U S Mint

Repts amt of
Minnesota Copper on
hand.

Rec^d June 20/72

United States Assay Office,

New York, June 19, 1872.

Sir:

Your communication, requesting the early forwarding of about 55000 ounces of fine silver due from this Office, has been received. There has been some delay in the operations of the Melt & Refiner's department, in consequence of necessary repairs to the engine, which will partially account for the deficiency to which you refer. But the amount of fine silver needed will be sent forward as rapidly as possible, 7584 ounces standard having been shipped this day.

I take this opportunity to suggest, in view of the postponement of Mint legislation for the present, that it might be

advisable to charge $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 cents per ounce, in the case of silver below standard deposited for coin, upon the amount necessary to bring it to standard. This, it appears to me, would be a fair charge upon the depositor, & I make the suggestion in the hope that it may meet your approbation.

Very Respectfully Yours,
Thos. C. Norton
Superintendent.

N. Y. Assay Office

Will forward 55,000
fine Silver soon.
7584 ozs Standard
sent now.

Suggest a charge of
2 cts per oz. for silver
below standard.

Rec^d June 20/72

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 19. 1872

Mr. Charles Lumm,
112 So. Front Street

Dear Sir

Please call & get
Treasury draft, just rec'd,
for the amt \$104.03, of
your bill against the Boise
City Assay Office.

Yours truly

H. E. Dickrodt

Chf Clk

I authorize E. Weis to receive
& collect the above draft of
One Hundred & four $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars
Phila June 21st, 1872

Charles Lumm

United States Mint
June 19 / 72

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
June 19th, 1872.

James Pollock Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have just received your letter of yesterday acknowledging the receipt of Treasury drafts Nos 275 to 291 inclusive, in favor of sundry persons named in my letter of the 17th inst; except, the draft for \$468. in favor of Wm. Murphy's sons, which had not come to hand.

I have made inquiry, and learn that this draft was mailed to you on the 17th inst. I presume that it has now reached you.

Very Respectfully,
Wm Humphreys Jones.

Acting Comptroller.

1st Campbell's Deney

Boston City draft for
W. H. Murphy's Son \$450.
has been forwarded

Rec June 20/72

United States Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho, June 29 1872

To Hon. Jas. Pollock
Director M. S. Mint -
Philadelphia x

Sir: - I received a few days
since the new blank forms for requisitions from
the Treasury Department and am this morning
in receipt - of yours of June 21 in answer to
my requisition of June 13 x I had already yesterday
written a duplicate of that requisition upon the
new blank, to avoid delay, and now have the honor
to endorse the same for your approval.

Neither have I seen the appropriation bill, but I learned
that it was reported by the Committee with the same
appropriation for this institution as that of last -
year, excepting the salary of superintendent, which
office the bill abolishes.

Yours very respectfully

A. Walters

Assayer

Boise City Assay Office

Sends requisition
for \$2475. - 1st qtr.
fiscal year 1872-73.

Rec'd July 8/72

1872.

Department No. 67.

Appointment Division, No 11.

Treasury Department,

June 18, 1872.

SIR: On the 1st day of July next, you will furnish the Department with a complete list of the employes in your ^{office} district, giving name, where born, designation, station, when appointed, and compensation.

It is desirable and important that this information be received at the Department as soon after the date mentioned as possible.

I am, respectfully,

WM. A. RICHARDSON,

Acting Secretary.

Acting Sec'y Treasury
(Richardson)

Wants complete
list of employees
nativity, designation,
pay to on July 1/72

Rec'd June 24/72

3532.

Treasury Department.

June 17, 1872.

Sir:

The Treasurer of the Mint, under date of the 31st ult., states that the counting and bagging of the redeemed minor coins has not yet been completed, as requested in my letter of the 26th February last. It is desirable, especially in view of the fact that the Treasurer apprehends a deficit in his coins, that the count should be completed and the deficit ascertained without any further delay. You will therefore immediately upon the receipt of this letter, assign a sufficient number of men for the early completion of the work in question. If you have not sufficient force in the Mint for this purpose, you will please report the fact to this Department.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U.S. Mint. }

Very Respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson
Acting Secretary.

^{Treasurer}
Asst Secy ~~Richardson~~
Richardson

Requests the
Counting and
bagging of the
redeemed mined
coinage to be promptly
completed.

Recd Toronto 18/72

5.5.90.

(Treasury Department.)

June 17, 1872.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23^d ultimo, in which you state that there are now in the hands of the Melter and Refiner, as the product of the melting of the old copper cents redeemed under the Act of March 3, 1871, about thirty-two tons of gross copper, equal to the ordinary copper of Commerce. You propose that this copper shall be sold and the proceeds credited to the cent redemption fund.

These copper cents represented, before melting, so much money in the Treasury, and it will be necessary, if the copper shall be sold, that a corresponding amount shall be paid into the Treasury. The deficit, if any there shall be, must be paid out of the cent coinage fund in your hands, ^{as proposed in my letter of June 3, 1871.} Please inform me what amount of copper you have on hand, in addition to

that resulting from the melting of these
old coins; and also if some portion
of this copper, to which you refer, cannot
probably be used in the operations of the
Mint during the next fiscal year.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson
Acting Secretary.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Acting Secy Treasury
(Richardson)

Old copper, if sold,
must be paid into the
Treasury.

How much copper
is now on hand, and
how much can be
used next fiscal
year.

Rec June 28/72

T.T.C.
Treasury Department.

June 17, 1872.

Sir:

I have received from the Treasurer of the Mint, under date of the 14th inst. a letter enclosing copies of your correspondence with Parker Handy, of New York, in relation to the terms upon which certain base silver bullion could be deposited by him at the Mint. Under the circumstances of the case, I have no objection to the accounting for the bullion already received, as proposed by you; but I think it inexpedient for the Mint to continue to receive bullion so base as to require a special deduction for wastage. You will therefore discontinue the receipt of such bullion until otherwise ordered.

The Treasurer also encloses a copy of an official letter addressed by you to H.E. Cochran, Treasurer's Clerk. All official letters should be addressed to the Treasurer himself,

and not to his subordinates.

Very Respectfully,
Mr. A. H. Anderson
Acting Secretary.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Asst Secy Treasury
(Richardson)

Extremely base
Silver bullion
should not be rec^d.
Communications
should be addressed
to the Treasurer of the
Mint & not to his
clerk.

Rec June 18/72

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 15. June 1872

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

Altho we have spoken on the subject, I have not officially notified you that there is a deficiency of some 55,000 oz. of Fine Silver due from the N. Y. Assay office, to bring up their base Silver to Comage Standard.

Were this amount supplied, or even a part of it, we would not be blamed for delay in paying depositors. Customers should know where the blame lies.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth

Jas C Booth
M + B

Repats deficiency
of 55,000 ozs. of fine
silver due from N. Y.
Assay Office to bring
their base silver up
to Coinage Standard.

Rec June 15/72

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Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., June 14th, 1872.

Hon. Jas. Pollock.

Director U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith blank forms of Requisitions for the issue of Warrants on account of advances from the appropriations made for the above named Mint, and have to request that hereafter you will substitute them in place of the blanks heretofore used by you.

I am, very respectfully

O. T. Hartney
Assistant Secretary.

West Secy Reading
(Hantley)

Enclosing blank
acquisitions of a
new style.

Recd June 17/72

United States Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho, June 13th 1872

Requisition, No. 1

for First Quarter of Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1873

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause a draft to be sent to the Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, at Boise City, Idaho, for the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred & Twenty Five Dollars, payable out of the appropriations for the support of this Institution, for the fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1872, as follows:

Salaries of Officers and Clerks,	\$ <u>1350.00</u>
Wages of Workmen,	<u>750.00</u>
Incidental and Contingent Expenses,	<u>875.00</u>

\$ 2975.00

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. Wallace

Supintendent
Charge

To

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

United States Assay Office,

BOISE CITY, IDAHO,

June 13, 1872

~~JOHN R. McBRIDE,~~

A. Wolters ~~Assayer~~ ^{Superintendent.}

Requisition No. 1,

For 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year

Ending June 30, 1873

Amount, \$ 2475.⁰⁰

Copy

U. S. Mint

June 12th 1872

Dear Sir

(Inter alia) The Melters & Refiners has so far concluded his operations as to enable us to arrive at the following results.

The deduction to be made for necessary wastage is one per cent of the gross weight, and the charge for refining will be two cents per oz, as per agreement.

Should further operations demonstrate that the deduction for wastage can, with safety to the Government, be reduced, you will be informed of the fact.

I trust that the above will prove satisfactory to you, and that no unusual delay will hereafter occur in operating upon and making returns for your bullion.

Yours Respectfully

(signed) Jas Pollock

Director

Parker Handy Esq.

24 Nassau St

New York

Copy of a letter
to Parker Handy
in relation to his
deposits of bullion;
stems on which it will be set.
June 12 " 1872



BANKING HOUSE
OF
Harker & Handy

24 Nassau Street

New York June 5th 1872

11 John
Hon. James Pollock
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

I have your favor 19th inst

and note carefully its contents.

I do not doubt the carefulness with which your officers have assayed our Nevada bullion; and while I regret to hear that the exp's are so heavy am entirely willing to accept proceeds on the basis you name. We beg to express the hope that after having waited so long you will not only be able to give us returns very soon, within a few days, (assuming us, I have suggested before, any part you may deem necessary for final returns) but in advance of deposits just made by assay &c.

Please note that we shall want our

dime & 1/2 dimes.

in about equal proportions
for balance due

Very Respy

Wm Harker & Handy

Parker Handy
June 13th 1872

In relation to his
deposits of silver
billion and terms on
which they will be rec'd.

Received

June 14th 1872

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Supt.,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.,
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y } NEW YORK.

Dated

New York June 11 1872

Received at

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To

James Pollock

Director of Mint

*will you not direct
that the dimes you
intend to send assay
office today be sent me
on account of my deposits
with you made nearly
a month before assay
office deposits*

32 Paid

P Handy

This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

W. DYER'S
COMMISSION TELEGRAPH OFFICES,
CONTINENTAL HOTEL,
Cor. 9th & Chestnut Sts.
811 & 435 Market St.



BANKING HOUSE
OF
Harker & Handy,

24 Nassau Street

New York June 11th 1872

To the

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
Director US Mint Phil^a Pa
D^r

Understanding through
W Thompson that \$14000 Silver were to be sent
to the Assay & to day stood the liberty of begging
that you would direct that these be sent to me,
instead against deposits of Bullion made by
me in the Mint about a month anterior to any
made with you by the Assay & for the same
description of Coins.

I trust you have obliged
us in this matter, as otherwise the effect will be
that parties who have deposited Bullion in the
Assay & here, today nearly after any deposit
with you will be paid before I am & be enabled
very materially to affect our business - if not to
cause the abrogation of contracts
we have made to purchase these
small coins at serious loss to me

Very truly
yrs
Harker & Handy
J. H. Sprague

over) Any payts you may authorize to be
made me on account of my deposits, leaving
a balance to be settled when the final
results are obtained, will oblige me very
much. If you can send me any dinner
or $\frac{1}{2}$ dinner tomorrow, Wednesday, will be
in season for the next days, weekly dinner.
Be pleased to send me any you can.
J.H.

Parker Heman
June 11th 1892
Letter & Telegram
in relation to his
affair to be.

Received
June 12th 1892

Robert Manson, Pres

E. Johnson, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WATERLOO.

Waterloo, Iowa, June 9 1873

Wm Linderman Esq. Cashier.

Director U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Sir: Enclosed find
a \$ draft \$100. for which please
send me per express silver dollars
including three or four of the new
trade dollars - deducting premium
out of draft

Yours Respy.
Thos S. Crafton
H

First Natl Bank
Waterloo June 9. 1873.
Iowa

Enclosing Draft for
\$100. for Silver Dollars

Recd June 14. 1873

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

St. Louis,

June 6th, 1875

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 3^d inst relating to the purchase of Silver Dollars I have to refer you to H. R. Linderman Esq., Director of the Mint Philadelphia, Penn. for the desired information.

Respectfully,

W. S. Crafts Esq.,
Hartford, Conn

Edgemoor
Post Office Box 28

Office of Ass't Treasurer U. S.,

ST. LOUIS,

....., 187 .

.....
Assistant Treasurer.

No. of Enclosures

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Fochester June 11th 1872
Mr James Pollock.

Dear Sir.

I have about
fifty oz of California Gold. Can
you give me Gold Coins for the
same? The Gold is free from Quartz
and a good lot.

Yours Respectfully
O. C. Stanton
* 11

J. C. Stanton
14 Exchange St
Rochester N.Y.

June 11/72

In relation to deposits

Rec'd.

June 13/72

Sent "gold circular"

Rec'd 6-13-72

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Treasury Department,

June 7th, 1872.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 21st ultimo, recommending an increase of the compensation of the Assayer, at Boise City, Idaho, I have to inform you that the Dept. has no discretion, within the law, and Mr Woeters, has been notified to that effect.

I am very respectfully
Geo. S. Bonwell
Secretary

Jas. Pollock, Esq.
Director, U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

Sec'y Ready

Salary of Boise City
Assays cant be
increased.

Rec'd June 8/72

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Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., June 7th....., 1872.

Jas Pollock Esq.,
- Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, I have to inform you that the Deficiency Bill which appropriates Two thousand and ninety-two dollars ^{and} five cents (\$2,092.⁰⁵) for the Construction of the assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, has passed and has received the signature of the President.

As soon as an Account can be stated by the Accounting Officer, draft for the amount will be remitted.

I am, Very respectfully

W. A. Richardson
Assistant Secretary.

Asst Sec'y Heasly
(Richardson)

Deficiency Bill
passed & signed.

Drafts for Bonds
City bills will be sent
as soon as accounts
can be stated.

Rec June 8/72

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
June 7th, 1872.

James Pollock, Esq.,
Director of the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The accounts of Morgan
& Orr, and others; also the account of William
F. Murphy & Sons, of Phil^a have been adjusted
at the Treasury per Reports N^o. 181216 and
No 183209; and for the amounts found due
each party, drafts will be duly issued and
transmitted to your care, as follows, viz

Morgan & Orr	869.08
Charles Gerlach	92.24
Bullock & Breshaw	41.17
Charles J. Boutler	146.00
Horatio G. Kern	28.00
Charles Lennig	104.03

Received from Hon James Pollock,
 Director of the Mint U. S. Treasury draft
 of the number and ^{value} amount set opposite the our
 respective names, and dated June 15. 1872, in full
 payment of our receipted bills against the U. S. Assay
 office at Boise City, Idaho, for materials &c, for
 -rights, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury,
 for the outfit of that institution.

Names	No. of draft	Amount Dollars & Cts	Signatures.
Morgan Orr	275	869.08	
Chas Gerlach	276	92.24	
Bulluck & Furber	277	41.17	
Charles H. Boulton	278	146.00	
Anastis G. Kern	279	28.00	
Charles Leming	280	104.03	
S. G. Brighton	281	54.88	
Wm Holzer	282	22.50	
A. G. Rawland	283	13.50	
Martha Taylor	284	27.00	
Sellers Brothers	285	3.67	
J. Taylor	286	60.90	
Wm. R. Elliott	287	2.64	
J. Geibel & Co	288	57.24	
F. J. Rautenberger	289	43.35	
Nathan Trotter & Co	290	9.52	
James Weightman	291	48.57	
W. F. Murphy's Sons		468.00	

S. G. Boughton	54.88	
William Halzer	22.50	
A. G. Rowland	13.50	
Martha Taylor	27.00	
Sellers Brothers	3.67	
L. Taylor	60.90	
William R. Elliott	2.64	
J. Goebel & Co.	57.24	
F. J. Renninger	43.35	
Nathan Trotter & Co.	9.52	
Powers & Wightman	<u>48.57</u>	\$ 1.624.29
And William F. Murphy & Sons		<u>468.00</u>
Total amount allowed in the said acct.		<u><u>\$2.092.29</u></u>

Very Respectfully,

Wm. Humphreys Jones,

Acting Comptroller

Mr. Humphill Jones
Atty 1st Comptroller of
the Currency

Bills of for outfit
of Boise City Assay
Office, will be paid
by draft at an
early day.

Recd June 8/72

BANKING HOUSE

COLLECTIONS

OF

Promptly Attended to.

S. W. BOWMAN,

Black River Falls, Wis.,

June 6 1872

Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

Does the government
pay the Express charges on
5[¢] Sticks when ordered in sums of
Fifty Dollars or more

Respectfully
S. W. Bowman

S. H. Bowman

Black River Falls

Wis

Wants Small coin
Circular

Re June 10. 1872

Bureau of Ordnance.

Navy Department.

Washington City. June 6. 1872

Mr James Pollock

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia. Pa

Sir:-

The Bureau encloses approved bill,
payable by Pay Director Heskell at Philadelphia,
for fifty (50) silver discs, amounting to
Four hundred and forty nine dollars and
forty two cents (\$449.42) for which please
acknowledge receipt.

I am, Sir, Your Obedt Servant

A. S. Morrow

R. Admiral & Chief of Bureau

Pay Master Ruford, Phil. Bank handing up stairs

Master Leutenent Kinde

Reverend Admiral
A. Ludlow Case
Chief Bureau of Ordnance
Navy Department
Washington D.C.

Enclosing triplicate
approved bill, \$449.42
cont, for 50 Silver
discs.

Recd June 7/72

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Treasury Department

June 5th 1872.

Sir

I enclose herewith One check
Treasurer U.S. on Assistant Treasurer New York
for Forty three $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars for amount of your
bill for set of proof coins received in your
letter of the 22nd ultimo.

Very respectfully

Wm A Richardson

Assistant Secretary

Hon. James Pollock,

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

How Wm Richardson
Asst Sec'y Treasry
Washington D.C.

Send draft for \$43⁶²
coin in payment for
proof salt forwarded
May 22/72

Rec June 6/72

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 5. June 1872

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

I place in your hands
23 Silver discs to complete the order
of the Dept., weighing 139.55 oz.
@ $999\frac{1}{2}$.

In conformity with rate of charge
noted in my last to you on the 27
discs, forwarded, the account of the
23 discs will be as follows:

$139\frac{55}{100}$ oz. together with $\frac{4}{1000}$ wastage
for highly refining & turning; are
equivalent to $140\frac{11}{100}$ oz.

$140\frac{11}{100}$ oz @ \$1.40 = \$196 $\frac{15}{100}$

without cost of mechanical finish

Respectfully yours
J. B. Booth

M. & R.

Jas. C. Booth
M & R

Reports Expense of
making 23 Silver
discs for Ordnance
Bureau, Navy De-
partment, at
Washington D.C.

Rec June 5/72

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "First Auditor of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

R. & P.

Treasury Department,

First Auditor's Office,

June 3rd, 1872.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copies of the correspondence between ~~between~~ this Office and the Superintendent of the U.S. Branch Mint San Francisco relative to the principle adopted by the Assayer of that branch reporting fine gold bars deposited by L. A. Garnett Manager of the San Francisco Assaying & Refining Works to the one tenth thousandth, while all other deposits are reported to the half thousandth only.

As it is desirable that uniformity should exist in the manner of the

Re June 4. 1872

Assayers of the Mint and Branches in
reporting the fineness of deposits, I have
to respectfully request that you will
take such action as you deem
proper to secure the same, and advise
this Office of the action taken by you.

Very Respectfully
D. W. Mendenhall

Director

Hon Jas Pollock
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Mr D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Enclosing Copies of
Correspondence with As-
saya & M & K. San Fran.
Re amount about repaying gold
bars for L. A. Gamble, Part, to the
 $\frac{10,000}{1,000}$, & all other cases of $\frac{1,000}{1,000}$
and requesting instructions to
secure uniformity.

[Copy of Special
Circular at S. F. filed
within]

[also, opinion of
"Wastage Commission"]

Rec'd June 4/72

R.O.P.

Treasury Department,
"Copy"

First Auditor's Office,

May 6th, 1872.

Sir:

In the Bullion accounts of your Branch Mint rendered to this Office I find the refined gold bars deposited by E. A. Garnett, calculated and settled for to the 10,000 while all other deposits are calculated to the half thousandth only. I will thank you to explain this difference and the reasons for making the distinction referred to.

Very Respectfully
(signed) D. W. Mahon
Auditor

O. H. La Grange Esqr
Sixth Branch Mint U.S.
San Francisco Cal

"No 1

Supp La Grange

to

Assy or Munson

Copy

Office of Superintendent United States Branch Mint
San Francisco, Cal., 14th May 1872

Sir

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter just rec^d from the First Auditor of the Treasury, inquiring why in your reports fine bars are "calculated to the ~~in thousands~~ while all other deposits are calculated to the half thousandth only," I will thank you to state in writing immediately the reasons that you have heretofore given me verbally, for making the distinction between the two classes of deposits, and particularly to inform me whether any difference is made between fine bars rec^d in exchange from the San Francisco Assaying and Refining works and fine bars rec^d from other sources.

Very Respectfully

O D Munson
Assayer

O H La Grange
Supt

O H S^r Grange
Supt

Copy of
Letter of Supt to Asayer
Concerning manner of
Assaying Bullion

"A"

Copy

Assay Office
United States Branch Mint

San Francisco Cal May 15. 1872

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst, inquiring as to the reasons for the distinction made in reporting between Crude and Refined Bullion, have to submit that the experience and practice of the Mints for three quarters of a Century have demonstrated the fact that tenths of thousandths, should not be counted on Crude or unrefined bullion deposits except in the cases of half thousandths, the crude bullion contains more or less base metals and being of such a character as to render it, in a great majority of cases, practically impossible to get as close an Assay as if those metals were not present, and such deposits cannot with safety be reported as close as refined Bullion with no base metal in it, an excess of one, two or three tenths of a thousandth over a full or

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half thousandth must be disregarded so as to cover the loss that may arise in manipulating the unrefined bullion.

Refined bullion does not contain any base metals and therefore it does not require the precaution so necessary in cases of Crude or unrefined bullion, and should be reported to the tenths of thousandths, All refined bullion is reported on this principle.

Both Refined and Unrefined bullion is charged to the Officers of the Mint at the same fineness and value that it is credited to depositors.

The Standard metal being made directly from the refined bullion it is absolutely necessary that the Melter and Refiner should have the fineness to a tenth of a thousandth so as to enable him to prepare his standard metal with a proper degree of accuracy and with a less liability of having his Ingots condemned, and

to illustrate the working of this principle I may state that since the time I adopted it, Nov, 1869 there have been made 2275 melts of ingots, of this number of melts only 78 of them have been condemned, being outside of the standard fineness, and for a corresponding period of time previous to 1869 the whole number of melts were 1960, of this number 156 melts were condemned, being outside of the standard fineness.

Very Respectfully.

Yours &c

To
Genl C. H. LaGrange
Supt. U. S. Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal

C. D. Manson
Assayer

Copy of
Letter of Apayer to
Supt pertaining to
Refined Bars

" " "
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Copy

Office of Superintendent United States Branch Mint

San Francisco, Cal., 17 May 1872

To

The First Auditor of the Treasury,

Washington D.C.

Sir

Upon receipt of your note of the 6th inst inquiring in relation to the Assayers reports for this Br^y Mint I enclosed a copy of your note with an official letter from myself to the Assayer, of which please find copy herewith enclosed marked "A" and also a copy of his reply marked "B." His statements verbally made to me some months since upon inquiry into this matter, and now repeated in his letter, are fully corroborated by several experienced outside Assayers whom I have consulted as also by the records of this Br^y Mint and may be summarized as follows,

1st For three quarters of a century it has been the custom of our Mints to report Crude bullion only to the half thousandth, 2^d In practice a half thousandth has been found to be the limit of accuracy in assaying crude bullion, as Equally Careful and reliable assayers vary from one to four tenths of a thousandth in their reports on samples of the same metal, Hence the half thousandth is regarded as the limit of variation in Commercial Transactions.

3rd It has been found practicable to report fine bullion to the tenth of one thousandth, which may be regarded as the limit of accuracy in assays of fine bullion and these results are regarded by Assayers as more certain than those upon which crude samples are reported to a half thousandth.

4th It is necessary to report to the tenth of a thousandth to the Melter and Refiner in order that Coin made from his ingots may be of standard fineness, and uniformity is secured by reporting with the same limit to the Treasurer for the depositor.

5th All deposits of fine gold made at this Branch are so reported.

I will add from the records that before the present system of reporting fine bullion to depositors was adopted it was the custom to report four tenths as a half thousandth and nine tenths of a thousandth as a full thousandth thus entailing a loss upon the Mint which is prevented by the present system,

Very Respectfully

O. H. Grange
Superintendent

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 4 1872

Hon: James Pollock

Director U. S.

Dear Sir

On due reflection, I see no embarrassment in the case presented by the First Auditor, with the accompanying letters.

The Assayer at the U. S. Branch Mint in San Francisco is right in saying that we cannot justly report on native or alloyed gold nearer than to the half-thousandth. The contingencies of a well-conducted assay may go to that limit; commonly as far as three-tenths.

In regard to the assay of fine gold (or nearly fine) while our beams show the tenth of a thousandth, all our experience here proves that two trials of any lot of such gold may vary two-tenths, although more likely to tally exactly. Our proof-gold is itself proved and assured by still more absolute tests than assay; of which I need not speak particularly.

This experience is confirmed by that of the British Mint. So that it is a fallacy and mere affectation to report, by assay, to one-tenth of a thousandth, as if it were mathematically sure.

But this is not the main question on hand. It is, whether the Mint shall hand over to the Refining Company, gold which assays 890.3, charging them as if it were just 890 - and then, when it comes back refined say to 990.3, giving them credit, not for just 990, but for 990.3; thereby taking from the Mint, or from its Melter & Refiner which is the same thing, the advantage of intermediate fractions; and conferring it upon the outside Refiners. This advantage, small in any one case, must amount to thousands, when the operations are on millions.

It is true, as the Assayer states, we report to our own M & R, to the one-tenth, to enable him to make up his ingots to the greatest accuracy; so that he need never be more than two or three tenths out of the way, except for a defect in the metallurgy, which is still possible.

But this has nothing to do with settling accounts
with outside Refiners, who ought to give and take
in perfect parity. And the M & R of the Mint
cannot be duly dealt with, on any other basis.

Very respectfully
your obed^t servant

Wm E DuBois

Asst. Assayer

(the principal Assayer being absent.)

P. S. It may still be needful to
say, that while we, at this Mint,
report to the depositor to the nearest
half-thousandth, under, our M & R,
and the Government through him, has
the benefit of the additional tenths
which are not reported; except where he
makes fine bars for stamping, which are
reported to the half, making a perfect parity.
But this is only a minor part of his work; most
of ~~it~~ is in ingots, where his advantage counts.

No. of Papers,
Subject, *Assays of Silver*

Philadelphia, June 4 1872

For Mr. DuBois
Mint of the United States.
Done & Co.

Copy

Articles of Agreement made and entered into this tenth day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy, between the United States of America by—
O H La Grange Superintendent of the Branch Mint of the United States at San Francisco California, acting under the authority and instructions of George S Boutwell Secretary of the Treasury of the United States parties of the first part and the "San Francisco Spraying and Refining Works" a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of California party of the second part.

Witnesseth, That in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and on the part of the party of the second part to be kept and performed, the parties of the first part covenant and agree that on and after the tenth day of August A.D. 1870 and until the new Mint building now in course of construction on Mission Street San Francisco, California, shall be fully completed and operations therein actually commenced they will from time to time deliver to the party of the second part all the crude and unrefined bullion which may be received at or owned by the said Branch Mint upon the delivery by the party of the second part in exchange therefor as hereinafter provided of the equivalent in kind and value of gold and silver already separated and refined

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and otherwise fitted for coinage when properly alloyed according to the standard of the United States first making and deducting from the value of the unpurified bullion as an allowance to the party of the second part for separating and refining the same the following amounts per ounces namely

From Bullion containing 300 parts gold and 2 parts 2 cents

From Bullion containing 300 1/2 to 600 parts gold 4 cents

From Bullion containing 600 1/2 to 750 parts gold 6 cents

From Bullion containing 750 1/2 to 989 1/2 parts gold 8 cents

The weight, fineness and value of the bullion given and also of that received in exchange to be determined by the Mint assay.

It being understood and agreed that no unpurified bullion shall be delivered by the parties of the first part to the party of the second part until the party of the second part shall have previously deposited in said Branch Mint the said equivalent in refined bullion less the deductions aforesaid,

And in consideration thereof the party of the second part covenants and agrees to take in exchange as herein provided all the unpurified gold and silver bullion received and accumulated at said Branch Mint and that whenever there shall be on hand in said Branch Mint unpurified Bullion amounting in value to Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or more and the said party of the second part shall be notified thereof and of the amount and value

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of said bullion, the party of the second part shall within forty Eight hours thereafter deposit in said Branch Mint refined Gold and Silver in bars of the full value of the said unpurified bullion less the deductions to be made as aforesaid,

And the parties of the first part covenant and agree that so soon as the value of the said refined bullion so deposited shall be ascertained and determined by the Mint aforesaid they will deliver to the party of the second part the unpurified bullion on hand in said Branch Mint and specified in said Notice,

And it is further covenanted and agreed that should there in any instance be any excess in the value of the unpurified bullion on hand as aforesaid over and above the value of the refined bullion so delivered the party of the second part shall pay to the parties of the first the difference in value in Coin of the United States of like metal as the said bullion, that is to say in gold coin if the bullion is gold, and silver coin if the bullion is silver, and in case there should be an excess in the value of the refined bullion delivered as aforesaid over and above the value of the unpurified bullion on hand as aforesaid then the parties of the first part shall pay to the party of the second part the difference in value in coin of the character aforesaid, the value to be computed in standard ounces

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and the Assay charge deducted from any excess of refined bullion delivered by the party of the second part,

It is further covenanted and agreed that each exchange of parted or refined bullion for Crude or unparted bullion as herein provided shall be and constitute one separate single and complete transaction.

It is further covenanted and agreed between the parties hereto that the Crude or unparted bullion to be delivered by the parties of the first part to the party of the second part in accordance with the terms of this agreement shall in all cases before such delivery be melted by the parties of the first part in melts of not less than five hundred ounces each, and a memorandum of the weight, fineness and value of each bar both in gold and silver shall be delivered to the party of the second part together with the bar so delivered, and in computing the value of the silver contained in said bar the usual deduction of the one ninety ninth ($\frac{1}{99}$) of the standard weight of the Gold shall be made.

It being always understood and agreed however, that all Crude or unparted bullion containing less than five hundred parts gold shall for all the purposes of this agreement be considered as unparted Silver Bullion and all bullion containing more than

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five hundred parts gold shall be considered as unpurified gold bullion and that in making and casting the bars of crude or unpurified bullion as above provided no gold and silver bullion of the same are herein distinguished and refined shall be melted together.

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It is further understood that the original Mint deposits of said bullion made by miscellaneous depositors both of gold and silver shall as near as practicable be melted in the order in which they may have been received, and that the fineness of the bars delivered under this contract shall conform as nearly as practicable to the average fineness of the original deposits from which they have been made.

And that the same discrimination between gold and silver bullion shall be observed as far as practicable in reference to all bullion collected at said Branch Mint in the course of its operations otherwise than by original deposits,

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And it is further understood and agreed that in case any dispute arises with reference to the accuracy of the assay of the said Branch Mint either of the crude or unpurified bars or of the refined bullion to be exchanged therefor as hereinbefore provided, the party of the second part shall have the right before any final adjustment of the accounts between the parties to this agreement to refer the matter in dispute

to the United States Mint at Philadelphia for assay and determination and such assay and determination shall be conclusive and final.

And it is further understood and agreed that in determining the value of the refined bullion deposited by the party of the second part as aforesaid no charge or deduction from such value shall be made for the coinage thereof, except when the value of such refined bullion shall exceed the value of the crude or unparted bullion delivered by the parties of the first part in exchange therefor and in that case such charge or deduction for coinage shall only be made upon such excess of value.

It is further agreed that in case any refined bullion received under this contract from the said party of the second part shall prove brittle, refractory, or unsuitable for coinage after being properly alloyed as aforesaid the party of the second part shall on demand pay to the parties of the first part in coin the cost of toughening and fitting such bullion for coinage.

It is further covenanted and agreed that the parties of the first part may at their option, upon thirty days notice, abrogate this contract and resume refining, in said Mint at any time when in their judgment the proposed system of exchange herein provided for shall no longer be advantageous to the interests of the

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government and that upon notice of abrogation being given the Superintendent of said Mint and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury the parties of the first part shall not after the date of such approval be bound by any of the terms, covenants, conditions or other matters or things in this agreement contained.

It is further covenanted and agreed that the party of the second part may abrogate this contract and discontinue the exchange herein provided at any time after giving to the parties of the first part thirty days notice in writing of the intention of the said party of the second part so to do.

In testimony whereof these presents in triplicate are subscribed the day and year first above written by O H La Grange Superintendent of said Branch Mint for and on behalf of the parties of the first part and the name of the party of the second part is hereto subscribed and its corporate seal hereto affixed by Louis A. Garnett its President and F H Day its Secretary thereto duly authorized.

O H La Grange Seal

Superintendent U.S. Br Mint San Francisco

San Francisco Assaying and Refining Works

By Louis A. Garnett President

F H Day Secretary

Seal of
S. F. A. & R. Works

Witness

Las E Ingols

J L Culver

over

a true Copy

CH Lathrop

Asst. U.S. Minter

San Francisco

Louis A. Garrett

Pres. S. F. A. & R. Works

Contract
August 10. 1870

Between
San Fran B. Mint
and
"J. F. Assaying and
Refining Works"

(Copy)

No. 2347

Secretary's Office of the Japanese Embassy.

Washington, June 3^d 1872.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your valued despatch of 23^{ult}. conveying the results of examinations of Japanese Coins made by officers of your mint, kindly reported in tabular form, also a most carefully prepared statement made by your Chief Coiner on the weights and general execution of the Coins.

For these and all your many kind attentions to myself and others of our people, I have the honor on behalf of the Ambassadors, and in my own behalf to return you most hearty and sincere thanks, assuring you of our willingness to reciprocate whenever opportunity may offer.

Very Respectfully
G. F. Goudon
First Secretary of the Embassy.

To

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Japanese Embassy

1st Lieut -
G. Fouboutai -

Acknowledging
Result of Examination
of new Japanese
Coins.

Recd June 4/72

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1872/JUNE

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1872/JULY

Treasury of the United States,

B.G.Lb

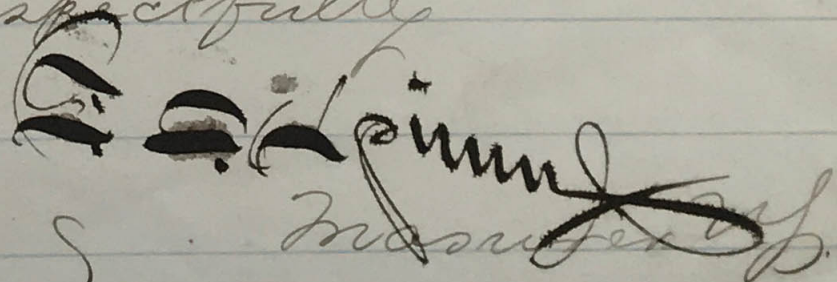
CASH DIVISION,

Washington July 29 1872

Sir:—

For enclosed check on Assistant
Treasurer, Philadelphia No 2,276, Two
Thousand Dollars (\$2.000) drawn in your
favor, will you please forward per use
of this office Six hundred dollars in one
cent and fourteen hundred dollars in five
cent pieces— Please forward the five cent
pieces as soon as you can as I am in
need of them

Very Respectfully
Reg'd 7/30/72


Assistant Treasurer

Hon Jas Pollock Director

U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Pa

71 E. Spinner
Washington
D.C.

July 29. 1872

Mr F. E. Spinner
Near U. S.

Wants \$2,000. in
nickel coins &

Rec'd July 30/72

Colorado Assay Office.

EDW. D. PETERS, JR.,

TERRITORIAL ASSAYER AND MINING ENGINEER.

Fair Play, Col., July 31 1872

Superintendent of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir —

I take the liberty of asking you for some information, which the U. S. Branch Mint at Denver, is unable to give me.

I expect to ship a large number of silver bars to the Philadelphia Mint this year, & desire to know —

- 1) What is the charge for parting, when the bars contain but a very small quantity of Gold? —
- 2) How many thousandths fine in gold must the bars be, to stand the expense of parting? —

Awaiting an answer at your earliest convenience

I remain
Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
Edw D Peters Jr
Fair Play. Colorado.

Edw D. Peters, Jr.
Fair Play
Colorado.

Enquires about
posting charges and
silver bars.

Rec Aug 18/72

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, _____ 187__

1. The tariff of charges in such case is -

* If free or nearly free from copper, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce.
If there is over 50 parts copper, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents; if
over 150 parts, $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

If the metal is brittle, a further charge
of 1 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents, according to condition.

The silver we have had from Colorado,
is generally in very good condition, making a
low rate of charge.

2. Silver not coppery or leady, will
report gold as low as one thousandth part,
if the weight be not under 350 ozs.

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Golden City, Colorado
July 29th 1872.

Supt. of Mint.

Philada. Sir: Will you
please give me a Schedule of
charges for assays of ore.
I am interested in a
prospecting company here
and we have some ore
the character of which we do
not fully understand ^{and}
what we want is an
analysis sufficient to show
the percentage of all the
different metals ~~of value~~.

Also can you give us
some chemical (or other)
test which we can apply
to show the presence of
platinum. We have reason

to think that one of our
veins contains that
metal.

Very Resp.

Yours &c

L. Barnes

C. Barnes

Golden City
Col

Wants Schedule of charges
for Array of Ores.

Ru Aug 6. 1872

Warrick Price

W^m B. Price

Price Brothers, Bankers,

Cleveland, Ohio July 29th 1872

Superintendent United States

Mint, Philadelphia, Pa

S^r Sir

Enclosed herewith

we hand you an Gold draft for \$500. on N.Y.,
for which please return us, as early as possible -
\$500. Silver Dollars, Courage of 1872 - per Express
& oblige &c

Yours Truly
Wm B Price

Price Brothers
(Bankers)
Cleveland (O.)

Enclosing gold
draft \$500. for
500 Silver dollars

Recd July 31/72

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, July 29 1872

This is to Certify that the Dies
used for making the ~~Wm~~ M Dodd
Prize Medal. In the Girl High
School Philadelphia, are deposited
at the U S Mint, Philada. and
they are subject to the order of
the Authorities of Philadelphia
and they are in my charge for
Safe Keeping

Wm Barber
Clerk, U.S. Mint

Exp. of bill.	2 Gold medals - 15 each	\$ 30.00
	10 Silver do. - 1.00	10.00
		\$ 40.00
	p? in Coin —	

Wm Barber
Engraver W & Mint
July 29th 1872

U. S. Mint

Treasurers Office

Phila. July 26th 1872

Sir. Have you any objection to my occupying the Library for one hour twice a week when necessary say from twelve to one o'clock on Tuesday and Friday? I desire this for the purpose of facilitating the business of my Office and will confer with Mr Snowden and arrange that my occupancy shall not interfere with his.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obdt. Serv^t

~~Creighton~~
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Treasurer of the
U. S. Mint

Requests per-
-mission to occupy
the Library, for his
official purposes
one hour on Tuesday
and Friday of each
week.

Recd July 27/72

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Treasury Department

July 26, 1872.

Sir:

I enclose herewith extracts from the report of the Commission appointed to investigate the wastage in the office of the Melter and Refiner of the Mint. These extracts contain recommendations which are approved, and which you are requested to carry into effect, and transmit a copy of your instructions to this Department. You are also requested to furnish a detailed statement of the tariff of charges on bullion now in force at the Mint and Assay Office in New York. A circular fixing the deductions to be made hereafter on base silver bullion, for loss in refining, has been issued by this Department, a copy of which I herewith enclose. As soon as the circular is printed I will send you
Copies

copies for distribution.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson
Acting Secretary.

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Acting Sec'y Treasury
(Richardson)

1. Enclosing as per
- mandamus of Warpage
Commission, to be carried
out.
2. Wants present tariff
Charges at Albany, N.Y.
Assay Office.
3. Enclosing new de-
- ductions for loss in
refining.

[Nov. 8. 1872 - Regu-
- lations herewith
enclosed.]

[Nov. 27/72 Regulations ap-
- proved by Secretary
Boutwell. See letter, in
the regular files, of that
date.]

Re July 27/72

Copy.

Treasury Department.

July 25, 1872.

Regulations relative to the receipt of
base silver bullion at the Mint of the
United States, Branch Mint and Assay
Office at New York.

Deductions for loss in refining.

1. Base silver bullion of less than 600 fine is not receivable.
2. From 600 to 750 fine, containing copper as the chief alloying metal, with one or more of the following substances, viz: lead, antimony, arsenic and sulphur, on the gross weight of the deposit, $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.
3. On bullion 750 to 900 fine — — 1 per cent.
4. On bullion below 900 fine, containing copper only, as the alloying metal, $\frac{7}{4}$ per cent.

5. When lead only is the alloying metal, deposits of less fineness than 900 thousandths will not be received.

The charges for refining, parting and bar-making at the Mint of the United States, Branch Mints and Assay Office in New York continue as heretofore.

(signed) Geo. S. Boutwell.
Secretary of the Treasury

Irish Treasury

(Copy)

~~Establish~~

Prescribing the
deductions for loss in
refining.

Recd July 27/72

HH Treasury Department,

July 25th, 1892.

Sir:

Enclose herewith for your information copy of letter addressed to Jno. R. McBride, late Supt. U.S. Assay Office Boise City, Idaho, relative to Temporary appointment of ^{an} Assayer and a Clerk.

I am very respectfully
Geo. S. Brewster,

James Pollock Esq. ^{Miner} Secretary
Director U.S. Mint Phila. Pa.

Secy Treasury

Enclosing copy of letter
to Ex-Supt Mc Bride,
Boise City Assay Office
repudiating his appointment
of an Assayer and
Clark

Recd July 27/72

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Treasury Department,

July 25th, 1872.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Director of the U.S. Mint, relative to the appointment of an Assayer and a Clerk in the U.S. Assay Office, under your charge, I have to inform you that the Act approved Feb'y 19th, 1869, establishing an Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, provides that the officers and clerks shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

During a recess of the Senate the President can temporarily fill vacancies which

which may occur during the recess; but vacancies occurring during a session of the Senate, as did these, cannot be filled without the advice and consent of the Senate.

Your action in the premises is clearly in violation of law and cannot in any way be recognized by the Department.

You will please forward, for the information of the Department, a statement showing the transaction in detail of Messrs. Rossi and Scholl, named in the certificates accompanying your letter to the Director.

I am, very respectfully,
Geo. S. Boutwell,

John R. Mc Bride, Esq.,
Late Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Secretary.

United States Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho, July 24th 1872

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 16th inst. In accordance with your instructions I have assigned Willis P. Mc Bride to duty as "Assistant to the Assayer" instead of "Assistant Assayer". The compensations paid to him and the doorkeeper are covered by the amount appropriated for "Wages of Workmen".

Very Respectfully Yours
Walters
Assayer

Boise City Assay Office

Has appointed Willis
P. McBride, assistant
to the Assayer

Recd Aug 1/72

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

Philadelphia, Pa., July 24, 1872.

Sir,

The Secretary of the Treasury having given me thirty days leave of absence, I expect to be away from the city at intervals during August and September. I will leave on Friday next and be absent, probably, for the remainder of the month.

During these several occasions, I desire that my Chief Clerk, James C. Cyster, shall act in my place, and have so authorized him. It would seem that I have the right so to do from the 13th section of the act of March 3, 1863, although, if you are of the opinion that the 4th section of the act of January 18, 1837, rules the case, I have to request that you appoint my said Chief Clerk to perform the duties of the office of Treasurer during my absence.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

Hon. James Pollock,
Director, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Wm. C. Cyster
Treas. U. S. Mint.

Treasurer of the
Mint.

Requests that
his Chief Clerk
James C. Eyster
may be appointed
Acting Treasurer
during his temporary
absence.

Rec^d July 24/72

Dear Sir) The bearer of this note is Mr William
M. Bowen, and I believe, a very worthy man.

Mr B. belonged to the City Police, as a watchman,
and was removed with the remainder of the Republicans,
during the panic - If it be in Your power to employ
him in the ment, you will greatly oblige

Yours friend
Henry Mann

Phila^a: 22 July 1835

Dr. Patterson

Residence, Montgomery St. between Race
& Pine, 42th & 13th.

From Henry Toland, Esq.
Philadelphia

July 22, '35.

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Minersville July 20. 1872

Sir

I wrote you a letter
the first of July concern-
ing my money. wishing
you to send it by express
and as yet I received no
answer - My money was
\$7.25 seven dollars and twenty
five cents according to your
statement hoping you will
receive and answer this letter
I remain Yours
respectfully

Thomas Scully
Minersville

Schul Co
Pa

Gas Pollock
Director

Thos Scully
Minersville
Pa

Relation to \$7.25.

Rec July 23, 1872

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

Philadelphia, Pa., July 19th, 1872.

Sir

I have to request that you will provide Messrs. Kirk and Ljungren now occupying with Mr. Bowperthwaite the west front room another apartment so that I may have improved facilities for transacting business when able to be at the Mint. If convenient I would like the change to be made at once. It has been suggested to me that the medal room is amply large to accommodate two more clerks.

Very respectfully

Hon. J. Pollock

Director U. S. Mint

~~Wm. L. Pollock~~

Treasurer U. S. Mint

From

Treasurer of the Mint

July 20/72

Desiring Messrs. Kirk
+ Livingston changed
to Medal Room etc.

and

July 23/72

Recd July 20 1872

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., July 18th 1872

Sir:

As per my closing report I have on hand as receipts for charges on deposits opened in this office, the sum of \$153,94 - This sum belongs to the Treasury of the United States - To get it into the Treasury will cost some exchange or expressage - which I do not feel at liberty to incur without orders, and would therefore inquire as to the manner and plan of transmission - There is no depository here or nearer than San Francisco -

Respectfully yours

Am Jas Pollack

W.D. Mint - Philadelphia Pa

Ind Geo Mearns

Late Supt

Boston City Assay Office

Ex: Supt M^r McBride
where to deposit
proceeds of assay
charges.

Rec^d July 31/72

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, July 14 1872

Hon. James Pollock
Director U.S. Mint
Sir

I have the honor to
Tender my resignation as Assistant to the Chief
Coiner, to take effect from the 20th inst.

I have accepted a position in the
New York Assay Office at a salary of
\$2500 per annum, and the promise of an
Early increase to \$3000., if my services are
Considered worthy.

I cannot leave the Mint,
when I have been so long engaged,
without saying that you have always
been a good, kind friend, and one whom
I could always look up to for advice,
and feel that you trusted me in the
subordinate position I occupied.

I shall never forget that you
appointed me in the Mint, and

appreciated my services by increasing my salary, and promoting me to a better position, and in return for all of this kindness, I can only wish you every success in this life, and the reward in the next, that comes to those who do unto others, as they would have others do unto them."

I sent a letter of resignation to Mr. Snowden on Monday last, and fully intended to see you in the matter, but I have been so busy settling up my personal affairs, that I have not had time.

Bidding you good bye,
and a fervent "God bless you" for
your friendship and past kindness.

I am truly yours.

Martin V. Davis

Martin V. Davis,
Asst to Chief Coiner
U. S. Mint

Tenders by assign-
-nation to take effect
July 20. 1872.

July 17. 1872 Accepted
J. C. Pollock
Dir

Rec^d July 17/72

CAPITAL, \$300,000.

JAMES L. HAYS, President.

LINUS M. PRICE, Cashier.

Merchants' National Bank,

703 Broad St., Cor. of Cedar,

Newark, N. J.,

July 15th 1872

Mr. J. P. L. L. L.
Director

We are very

much in need of our
tickets and papers for
which we made remittance
the 29th ult. Can
they be forwarded at
once.

Very
Respectfully
Yours
L. M. Price

forwarded on the 15th July
1872

Merchant's Hat BK
Newark
Lewis M Price N. J.

Asks after small coin
ordered

Rec July 16. 1872

Insured by ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

for

to

only,

except against loss occasioned by the public enemy.

For the Company,

Insurance, \$

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.

Great Eastern, EXPRESS FORWARDERS, Western & Southern

DOMESTIC BILL OF LADING.

No. 3.

\$ 000.00

NEW-YORK,

July 15 1872

Received from

Apt Treasurer
10 Regt
The William T. Sullivan

Sealed and said to contain

Addressed

Apt Treasurer
Phila Pa

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability thereof of and for the Company or person.

Freight,

For the Company,

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York,

July 15. 1872.

Sir

As directed by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of the 11th inst, I have this day forwarded to you for remittance \$1,000,000. in gold dollars,

Enclose Adams's Express Co's receipt.

Very respectfully,

W. B. Williams

Asst. U. S.

James Pollock, Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Thos. Hillhouse, Esq
Asst Secy W. S.
New York

Sends by Express
\$1,000,000. in gold
dollars for re-conveyance

Rec^d July 16/72

Nathan Trotter & Co.
Importers of Tin plates, Metals &c.
No. 36 North Front Street.

Philadelphia July 15th 1872

Mr James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir.

The prices of copper now
on the dates you mention about is
as follows.

May 23.	Orying	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	Settin	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
July 13	"	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	33 $\frac{1}{4}$

Yours resptly

Nathan Trotter & Co.

From

Nathan Froster Esq
on price of copper in
May 23^d & July 15
1772..

Rec^d July 16/72

United States Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho, July 15th 1872

Sir: Enclosed you will find the return for the past month* and the quarterly return accompanying it by mail. As my official connection with this office ends with the past quarter I may be permitted to say that the usefulness of the office has I think been demonstrated by the work done and the steady increase of its business. Altho, not more than half of the present month has past the deposits are already in excess of ^{preceding} month and they have regularly and steadily improved from the time we commenced work.

It may not be out of place for me to state that the compensation fixed at present for the officers of the institution are inadequate and ought to be increased. For instance the First Nat Bank of Idaho has an Assay Office at Idaho City - they pay their assayer \$3000 in coin - while this officer in this institution receives only \$1800 in currency. He will be compelled now that the charge of the institution is with him, to have assistance.

* I find the statement so have already gone

and the "subordinate unknown" fund
should be increased from three to at
least \$5000, per annum.

It is a pleasure to me to be able after
having been connected with the enterprise,
from the time that the order was given to
begin the work of erecting the building, and
having laid its corner stone with my own
hands, to leave it growing steadily in business
and in public favor - prosperous and
careful. Its present work is but a tithe of
what it is capable of doing and will do
when it shall have time to secure public
confidence. Permit me also to thank you
for your many favors, and your indulgence
to my inexperience in the duties I have endeavored
to discharge under you -

Wm James Pollock
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Yours Respectfully
Isaac McBrine
Supt.

Basis City Assay Office

Farewell letter of
Ex-Supt. McBride.

Institution doing
well. Salaries &
wages too low

Recd July 27/72

Bureau of Ordnance.
Navy Department.

Washington City. July 13. 1872

Mr James Follock

Director, U. S. Mint

Philadelphia. Pa

Sir:—

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter
of the 12th inst, together with box containing
twenty five (25) silver discs.

I am, Sir,

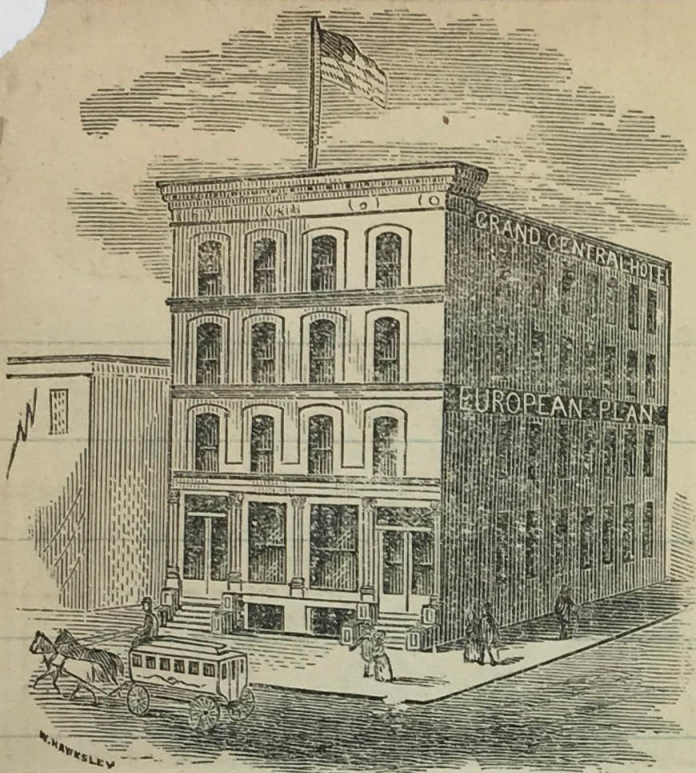
Your Obt Servant
David R. Miller,

For Chief of Bureau

Ordinance Bureau
Navy Dept
Washington D.C.

Has recd 25
Silver discs

Recd July 13/72



GRAND Central Hotel

— ON THE —
EUROPEAN PLAN.

DORR & THATCHER, PRO'S.

St. Louis, Mo. July 13th 1872

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

I will want
to use a quantity of Gold Dollars.
Can I be supplied from the mint
immediately on order? \$ is Gold Dollars
worth as much as Large Gold, What
is silver Dollars worth. Also silver
half Dollars. Do you make gold
halves & quarters & how much are they worth

Please Give me an imm
diate ans & oblige Yours. D. R. W. Messers
Don't address the ans to this house over

J. R. W. Hennessey -

Tell me how you wish me to arrange
money matters when I order.

Will you send my order
C.O.D. per Express if I will
send 5 per cent of the amt with
order. @ J R W H

Rec^d July 16/72

United States Assay Office,

New York, July 11, 1872

Sir:

I send enclosed my requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury, returned to me for signature.

Very Respectfully,
Thos. C. Weston
Superintendent.

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

N.Y. Assay Office

Sends signed
requisition for
\$28,500. — cur-
—rent fiscal year.

Rec July 12/72

5550

S⁺

Treasury Department.

July 11, 1872.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Assistant Treasurer in New York to transmit to you, by Adams Express, \$2,000,000 of coins of the smaller denominations less than standard weight, for recoinage into double eagles, and have advised him that you will probably be able to return to him one million of dollars in each ten days after the receipt thereof. It is probable that after the recoinage of two millions of dollars, a recoinage of from one to two millions of dollars per month will be sufficient. Upon the receipt of this coin you are requested to report the weight and value thereof, and the time within which the first million of dollars can be returned to the Assistant Treasurer in New York.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
Geo. S. Smith
Secretary.

Secy Treasury
Goldschmidt

\$2,000,000. of abraded
small gold coins will be
forwarded ~~per~~ ^{by} Asst Treasurer
at N. Y. for recoinage into
double Eagles; returns ex-
pected in ten days.

Thereafter 1 to 2 million
per month will answer.

Wants report of weight
and value, & probable time
of returns.

Rec July 12/72

United States Assay Office,

New York, July 9, 1872.

Sir:

I send herewith my requisition upon the Secretary for Twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars, distributed as follows:

For Salaries of Officers & Cks. \$6,000

" Wages of Workmen. 17,000

" Incidental & Cont.^d Expenses, 5,500

\$28,500.

I would respectfully ask you to forward the same, with your official approval, at your earliest convenience.

Hon. Jas. Pollock.

Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. H. Miller

Superintendent.

N. Y. assay office

Sends requisition
for \$28,500.

[Returned for
signature]

Rec^d July 10/72

Bureau of Ordnance.

Navy Department.

Washington City. 8 July 1872

Mr.

James Pollock,

Director - U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:-

The Bureau sends you by express to-day sixty (60) disks of pure silver that have been subjected to pressures in the bore of a XV in. Navy cannon, and respectfully requests that you will direct the value thereof to be credited to the Bureau's account and make another set of fifty (50) which will be paid for on the receipt of the bill at this Office.

Yours, Sir,

Your Obedt Servant

Wm B. Ammen,

for Chief of Bureau

Memorandum

July 12th 1872

M & R Delivery to Director U.S. Mint

25 Fine Silver Discs for Ordnance Dept.

weighing —

151.49 oz

To which add $\frac{4}{1000}$ for wastage

.61 "

152.10 "

@ \$1.⁴⁰ per oz —

\$212.94

Boyd.
for M & R

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Form 63

\$ 225

Philadelphia,

July 12

1872

Received from

Director of U.S. Mint

sealed and said to contain

Two Hundred Twenty five Dollars (Silver)

Addressed

Chief of Bureau of Ordnance
Navy Department

Washington

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company are to forward the same to their agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package, and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy, or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company or person to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

Freight,

For the Company,

Geo C Thompson

Bureau of Ordnance
Navy Department
Washington D.C.

Returns 60 silver discs,
and wants 50 more.

Rec^d July 9/72

Boston July 8th 72

To the Master of the U. S. Mail

Dear Sir

There has been some discussion among us as to which is the obverse and which the reverse of our two cent copper coinage. Is the shield the obverse or the figure two. Hoping that you will satisfy my doubts on the subject. I remain

Yours Resptly

Thos W. C. Brownell

Address. Care of

E. Allen & Co.

36 Franklin St

Boston
Mass

J. W. Brownell
Boston
Mass

Inquires ~~the~~ which is the
obverse & reverse of a two-
cent copper coin

Re July 11, 1872

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New Orleans La

July 8, 1872

Hon Jas Pollock

Director U. S. Mint.

Sir

Will you have the kindness to inform me whether the enclosed five cent nickel is genuine or counterfeit, and if genuine, the cause of lightness in weight and of the ringing sound which it has.

Very respectfully
Charles H. Shute

Acty Asst Treas U.S.

Chas H. Shute, Esq
actg Asst Treas. U.S.
New Orleans, La.

Sends a 5¢ note
for Examination,

July 12. 1872 Rec.

United States Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho, July 8 1872

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Director U. S. Mint -
Philadelphia.

Sir: - Enclosed herewith I
hand you Statement of Operations of Boise City
Assay Office for the month ending June 30, 1872.
I also enclose corrected statements for the months
of March, April and May. These statements for those
months heretofore sent - were in many respects erroneous.
In some of them the weight of bullion as received
before melting was ~~then~~ counted. It seems to me now
that the weight of the bullion after it is melted is the
proper return to make. In one case the number
of deposits was wrongly stated by counting some
test assays. And, for the month of March the
value of the deposits was incorrectly stated by counting
the value of the bar after chipping instead of the total
value of the deposit. You will please, therefore, place
on file the enclosed copies in place of those previously
sent, as the above will sufficiently explain.

Yours truly

John R. McBrill
Supt.

J. R.

Boise City Assay Office

6,322.
7,970.
11,966.
11,392

Grd 37,650 02
18

301,200

37650

\$677,700 -

Ex: Supr McRider
Sends Statement of
deposits for June 1872,
and Corrected Statements
for March, April and
May 1872.

Re July 16/72

United States Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho, July 8, 1872

Wm Jas. Pollack
Director M. S. Mint -
Philadelphia.

Sir: — Enclosed herewith
I send you Statements of Deposits — at this Assay
Office for the months of March, April, May
and June. I find no instructions concerning them
but presume your office is their proper destination &
If not, be kind enough to forward them for
me to the proper office in Washington and
advise me in regard to the same.

Yours truly

John R. McBride
Acting Asst. -

J. R. B.

Boise City Assay Office

Ex. Supt. M. B. Bide
forwards statements of
deposits for March,
April, May & June
1872.

Rec^d July 16/72

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., July 6th 1872

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Sir,

The business of this Office being rapidly increasing & the amount of work entirely too much for me alone, I have, subject to your approval, appointed on the 1st inst. Willis P. McBride Assistant Assayer at a salary of \$150⁰⁰ per month.

Further I have, in accordance with the regulations reduced the charges on unparted gold bars to one Eighth of one percent, retaining, however, the minimum charge of one Dollar, established by the late Supt and approved by you. This measure I also submit for your approval.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
W. H. H. H.
Assayer.

Bris City Assay Office

Has app'd Willis R.
McBride, asst Assayer
@ \$150. a month.

& reduced charge, to
\$9 per cent

Rec'd July 16/72

T.T.C.

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Treasury Department.

July 6th 1877.

Sir:

It is proposed to transport from the office of the Assistant Treasurer New York from ten to fifteen Millions of dollars of gold coins which are below standard weight to the Mint for recoinage, and it is probable that either one or two Millions of dollars will go forward some day next week.

Will you please advise me what amount it would be safe and convenient for you to receive at one time and also what amount can be received monthly without interfering with the regular work of the Mint: also, what amount you have on hand of double eagles in the bullion fund which can be returned to New York on the receipt of the light gold coins referred to.

I will also thank you to inform me what the Express charges are under your contract with Adams Express Co for the transportation of gold coin and bullion from New York to Philadelphia and return. Very Respectfully,
Hon Jas Callahan (Director, U.S. Mint.)
Geo. S. Mitchell,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec'y Treasury

Ten to Fifteen millions of
worn gold coin will be sent
to the Mint for re-coining
from N. Y. Subtreasury.

How much can be recd.
at a time? And what are
the Express charges as per
Contract?

Rec^d July 8/72

Int
United States Assay Office,

New York,

July 3 1872

Sir

The practice of keeping an account of the "Silver parted for the benefit of the Mint" and which I am informed was discontinued at the Mint and Branches several years ago, is still continued at this Office.

The amount of Silver charged to the M & R at the end of each year is derived from an estimate of certain Gold deposits assaying 949½ and over; I can see no good reason for continuing this practice at the Assay Office but will do so if you thus direct.

I should be pleased to receive your instructions on the subject.

Hon Jas Pollock

Director U.S. Mint.

Very Respectfully

Wm H. Moore
Treasury

Thos. Willhause, &
Head N. Y. Assay Office

"Silver parted for the
benefit of the Allint."
Shall the practice be
continued?"

Rec July 5. 1872

July the 3rd 1872

Marion :

Marion Co

Ohio

Sir James Pollock here are three
packages of what I dont no som mineral
please inspect it and by Return mail
inform me what it is & the mine
is very welthy with the mineral and if
it is gold and silver please state it
in your letter. But do not write a
running hand & for I and no scolar
and cant read any but plain writing
please direct to A. J. Raub
Marion

Marion Co

Ohio

here is one dollar if the nettle
is worth any thing send me the
value if not I will pay you for your
trouble with this dollar I and
yours with respect A. J. Raub J. M. Pollock

A. J. Raub
Manion Ohio
July 3/72

One for assay.
\$1.00 enclosed.

Ret'd \$1.00
July 9/72

Rec'd. July 8/72

Mint of the United States
July 3. 1872

To the Director of the Mint.

The undersigned, on behalf of the respective departments of the Mint, beg leave to say, that inasmuch as only one day and a half will remain of this week, after the regular holiday; and that the heat of the weather is unexampled; and that we need to be braced for the heavy job that is coming upon us, of a recoinage on Government account, of twenty five millions of worn gold coin:

That it would be an act of mercy to the workmen, and a real benefit to the public service, if you will order that all hands shall be excused until Monday morning next: unless it shall be judged necessary to keep open the office for receiving deposits.

Very respectfully
For the Assay Department,
Wm E. DuBois.

In behalf of the Chief Coiners Dept -
I cheerfully concur

For The Melted & Refiners Dept.
A. Gordon Murdock

C. B. Bond
(over) Smith & R

I heartily endorse the proposition and this
department will be in no way delayed.

W. Barber

Cuzco

P.S. The Wastage Commission say that this
order will not interfere with their plans.

Assayer N. & R.
& Chief Coiner
U. S. Mint

Appeal to close the
Mint from on the
5th & 6th of July

Rec^d July 3. 1872

Notice

At the desire of the ~~Officers~~ of the various departments of the Mint, and in view of the extreme and protracted heat.

All persons employed in the operative departments of the Mint are excused from attendance until Monday morning next, except that (if found necessary) the Treasurers office may be open for receipt of deposits.

July 3rd, 1872

In behalf of the Director
H C. Hickok
Directors Clerk

Kauaoha Sta. W. Va.

July 1st 1872

N. O. Mint
Managers } Gentlemen

Herewith we send
for a test analysis a species of mineral which
we find abundant and of sufficient quantity to
justify development should it prove of any value -
the packages are numbered on account of coming
from different localities, in the analysis you
will please number the packages in return -
allow us to hear from you at earliest convenience

Respectfully
Thos. Q. Eaton

Adress

Kauaoha
Wood Co. W. Va.

J. O. Staton
Kanawha
W. Va.

J. O. Staton

Sends Specimen for
analysis

Recd July 6. 1872

Minersville July 1st 1872

~~Mr~~ Jas Pollock
Director

Sir

I received your letter
concerning my money on
the 29 of last month.

I would be very much
pleased if you would
send my money by
express

Yours respectfully

Thomas Scully
Minersville
Schuylkill Co
Pa

Thos. Scully
Minersville
Schuylkill Co.
Pa

Wants proceeds of
assaying gold mineral
specimen, sent by
Ex/press.

[See letter to him
of June 25/72]

[Sent July 24/72]

Supposed to have
been rec^d
July 2/72

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1872/JULY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1872/AUGUST

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., August 30th 1872.

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
herewith for your approval my requisition
of \$2475.⁰⁰ for the support of this Office
for the quarter ending December 30th 1872.

I shall be obliged for an early transmission
to the Department.

Very Respectfully Yours
A. Moller

Assayer.

Boise City Assay Office

Enclosing requisition
for \$2,475. —

Rec Sept 9/72

W. S. GEORGE & Co.,
STATE PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
Publish the "Lansing State Republican,"
AND DO ALL KINDS OF
BOOK AND JOB PRINTING AND BINDING.

Lansing, Mich. Aug 30 1872

Samuel Pollock Esq }
Philadelphia Pa & Or Sir.

If it is not considered
improper on my part, may I ask
you to inform me of the different
denominations of Pattern pieces (in
iron & copper) struck for this year,
and what or how much it will
cost me to obtain a set of
the same -

Very truly
O. A. Johnson

Not any were struck.

O. A. Jenison
Lansing,
Mich

Aug. 30/92

Pattern Pieces

Rec'd.

Sept. 2^d 1872

Int
United States Assay Office,

New York,

Augth 28th 1872

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. relating to circular of July 25th Dept 88. Secretary's Office - regarding the receipt of base Silver Bullion at this Office.

Am I to understand that the new regulations go into effect on the 1st day of Sept prox^o, or continue to receive as at present, until I receive specific instructions from the Secretary?

W. H. Wood

Very Respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Treasurer.

Thos. Stillhouse, &
Near N.Y. Assay Office

Engraving in new
regulation with regard
to the test of Silver
bullion, go into Effect
Sept 1, without the
previous approval
of the Assay Office

Recd Aug 29/72

W. A. HASLET, *Prest.*
J. S. SHEARER, *Cash.*

CAPITAL, \$200,000.
SURPLUS, \$130,000.

NATIONAL
FORT PLAIN BANK,

Fort Plain, N. Y., August 28th 1873

Cashier of the James F. Follis & Co. Express & Storage Co.

Sir: I have received
your favor of the _____ with enclosures,
I enclose as stated below.

Yours respectfully,

J. S. Shearer

In acknowledging the receipt of our order
of the 30th ult. for Nickel & Spoons - you stated that
they would be sent us in a few days - as they have
not been received - we have thought it possible
that they may have been misdirected - if sent
us - please advise us when -

Will send in a few days

At Fort Plain Bank
Fort Plain
J. S. Hearer. N Y

asks after small coin
ordered

Re Aug 30, 1872

The Hanover National Bank,

New York, 27 Aug 1872
Dear Sir:

On or about the
9th inst we forwarded
you draft on Union
Trst Bank, Philadelphia
for \$650, requesting you
to forward us Nickel
Coin, \$600, in 5 cent
pieces & \$50. in 1. "

We have not recd
the Coin. Did you
receive the remittance?
Very Respectfully

J. S. Parker
Care
Jas Pollock Jeweler
N. Y. City.

Heavenly Father, I

New York

Finished in
an attempt to get the
supply and the recent
Excesses have made it

impossible for the men
to work full time.

Asks after bare corn
ordered

Run Aug 28. 1872

Private Office
Sherman House
Chicago Aug. 21 1872

Hon James Pollock
U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

Have not yet recd the
\$100 of 50 pieces ordered of you
some weeks ago. Could you hurry
them up a little and greatly oblige
Yours Very Truly.

Gage B. & Rice
Parker

Sent off 100 when
order was ordered and
recd has been a delay

Probably in ten days
C

Gage Bros & Rian
Chicago
Ill

Eyams about Amos
Cott. reduced

Ru Aug 26, 1872

JAMES L. HAYS, President.

LINUS M. PRICE, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK,
OF NEWARK, N. J.

Newark, Aug 2nd 1872

For James Fallock
Director

Please advise
me how soon we may
expect 100 of metal &
bronzes which we submitted
for and ordered the print.

Yours Truly
L M Price

Will be ten days at least.
LMB

Merchants Bank
of Newark
Lewis M. Price A. B.

Inquiry about small
Coin order

Re Aug 26, 1872

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New Orleans, La. Aug 23, 1879

Sir,

I have forwarded to your address, per Express, Two hundred & eighty (\$280) Dollars in U.S. Gold Coin - received by the Asst. Treas. U.S. at New York from a shipment made by myself to that officer - the proceeds of which I will thank you to deposit ~~in my name~~ with the Asst. Tr. U.S. Philadelphia as a "Transfer of Funds" ^{from this office} and enclose the usual Certificates to this office.

Very Respectfully
Charles H. Shute

Asst. Treas. U.S.N.O.

Hon:

Jas. Pollock

Director U.S. Mint

Phila Pa

Chas. H. Shute

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New Orleans,

Aug 23, 1872.

~~Relating to~~

Sends \$280.00
-fixed gold coin, for
accoinage & deposit.

~~No. of Enclosures~~

Recd Aug 27, 1872

Crawfordsville
Indiana
Aug. 21st 1872

James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa.
Dear Sir -

When my father
was a young man in
Philad^a, now about forty
years ago, he collected
a large number of
curious coins, many of
them very ancient, and
most of them foreign, and
all either of brass or copper
so far as I can tell.
In the collection is a
Washington Cent which

my father always regarded
as a very rare and
valuable coin.

My father is now
dead, and the coins
being in the possession
of ~~my~~ Mother who wishes
to sell them, I write you
this letter. Thinking it
likely the Government
would like to have some
or all of them, to place
in the "Cabinet of Coins
and Medals" in the
Mint now in your
charge. If the Mint
does not want them
will you be so kind as
to inform me who would
like to add them to a
private or public collection.
Yours truly - C. L. Thomas
Serafordsville Ind.

The Mint does not wish to purchase, and the best way will be to send the lot to a dealer for inspection, and to make an offer. The owner will be fairly dealt with, by sending to Mr Haseltine or Mr Mason of this city, or Mr Cogan of Brooklyn.

C. L. Thomas
Crawfordsville
Ind.

Aug. 21/77

Coins to sell.

Ans'd

Aug. 26/77

Rec'd

Aug. 26/77

John P. Palmer, Pres.

C. N. G. Butt,
Asst. Cash.

A. G. Brenizer, Cash.

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK

Columbia, S. C. Aug 22 1861

Director W. C. Munn
Phil

Dr. Dr.

We

have not received the \$100.
in Michel remitted for Aug
& acknowledged by you
Aug 8, we inquire because
we never waited so long before.

Yours truly
C. N. G. Butt
Asst. Cash.

We have no coin to fill this order
at present.

(C. N. G.)

Owing to extreme heat we cannot manufacture
as rapidly as usual but hope to ship
a few days

trial Nat Bank
Columbia

S. C.
C. H. G. Butt

Rs after 5 of Nickels
ordered Aug 6. / 72

Re Aug 24, 1872

S. L.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, August 19, 1872^{at}

Sir!

Will you please advise me as to how soon you can fill an order for \$1,500. 5. & Sickels, which I purpose drawing on you through the Asst. Treas. U.S. at Philadelphia, as soon as I receive your reply.

Very Respectfully
S. L. G. Little
Asst. Treas. U.S.

Hon James Pollock.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Asst Treas. U. S.
(Teller)
Washington D.C.

Enquires when
\$1500. in 5¢
nickels can be
furnished.

Recd Aug 20/72

Bureau of Ordnance.
Navy Department.

Washington City. Aug 15. 1872

Mr James Talbot

Director, Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:—

Your letter of the 14th inst, together
with a box containing twenty five (25) Silver
discs, have been received.

The balance due the Bureau, in coin,
you will please place to its credit, to be
used in payment for other discs which
the Bureau contemplates ordering.

Please send a statement of the account.

I am, Sir, Your Obedt Servant
A. S. Morrow

R. Admiral & Chief of Bureau

Memorandum

1872

Aug 14th. Melted & Refiner Delivered to the Director U.S. Mint.
25 Fine Silver Discs for Ordnance Dept.

Weighing ozs 146.51

Add $\frac{4}{1000}$ for wastage .59 = 147.10
@ \$ $1.\frac{40}{100}$ per oz. = \$ 205.94

Dr. Adm't A. Ludlow Jads
Chief Bureau of Ordnance

Has rec'd. 25 dis. &
will want more - Wants
statement of apc

Rec'd Aug 7 16/72

(Copy)

Boston, Mass

August 14. 1872

Sir:

It has been the custom of this office in past years to receive any gold coins, although of light weight, whenever the lightness has been caused only by legitimate wear and tear.

But some coins issued thirty or more years ago, lately received from the Custom House, are unusually light (four or five grains in five dollars) without any indications of illegal usage, the lightness being apparently occasioned by the wear and tear of many years. Shall all such coins be accepted or if not, what shall be the degree of lightness which you will instruct me to regard as justifying their refusal.

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington. DC

Very respectfully
F. Hare Jr

Ast Treasurer. U.S.

Asst Secy Treasury
(Richardson)

Requests opinion
based on letter from
Asst Treas. at Boston
as to the limit for
receiving abraded
gold coins.

Recd Aug 17/72

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to

Rd
EBP

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., August 15, 1872.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Assistant Treasurer at Boston Mass, concerning gold coins, received by him, of light weight caused by legitimate wear and tear, and will thank you for an expression of your views on this subject, before replying to the Assistant Treasurer's communication.

Very respectfully
Mr A. M. Nicholson
Acting Secretary

James Pollock Esq
Supt. ~~Bureau~~ Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Acting Sec'y ~~Richardson~~
Treasury
(Richardson)

Receipt of abraded
gold coin by the
Collector of the Port &
the Asst Treas. U. S.
at Boston.

Recd Augt 16. 1872

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Treasury Department,

August 13th, 1872.

Sir:

Your communication of the 10th instant, notifying the Department of the death of Jacob R. Eckfeldt, Esq. Assayer &c. has been received and noted on the records of this Department.

I am very respectfully
Wm. A. Reardon

James Pollock Esq. Acting Secretary
Director, U.S. Mint.
Phila. Penna.

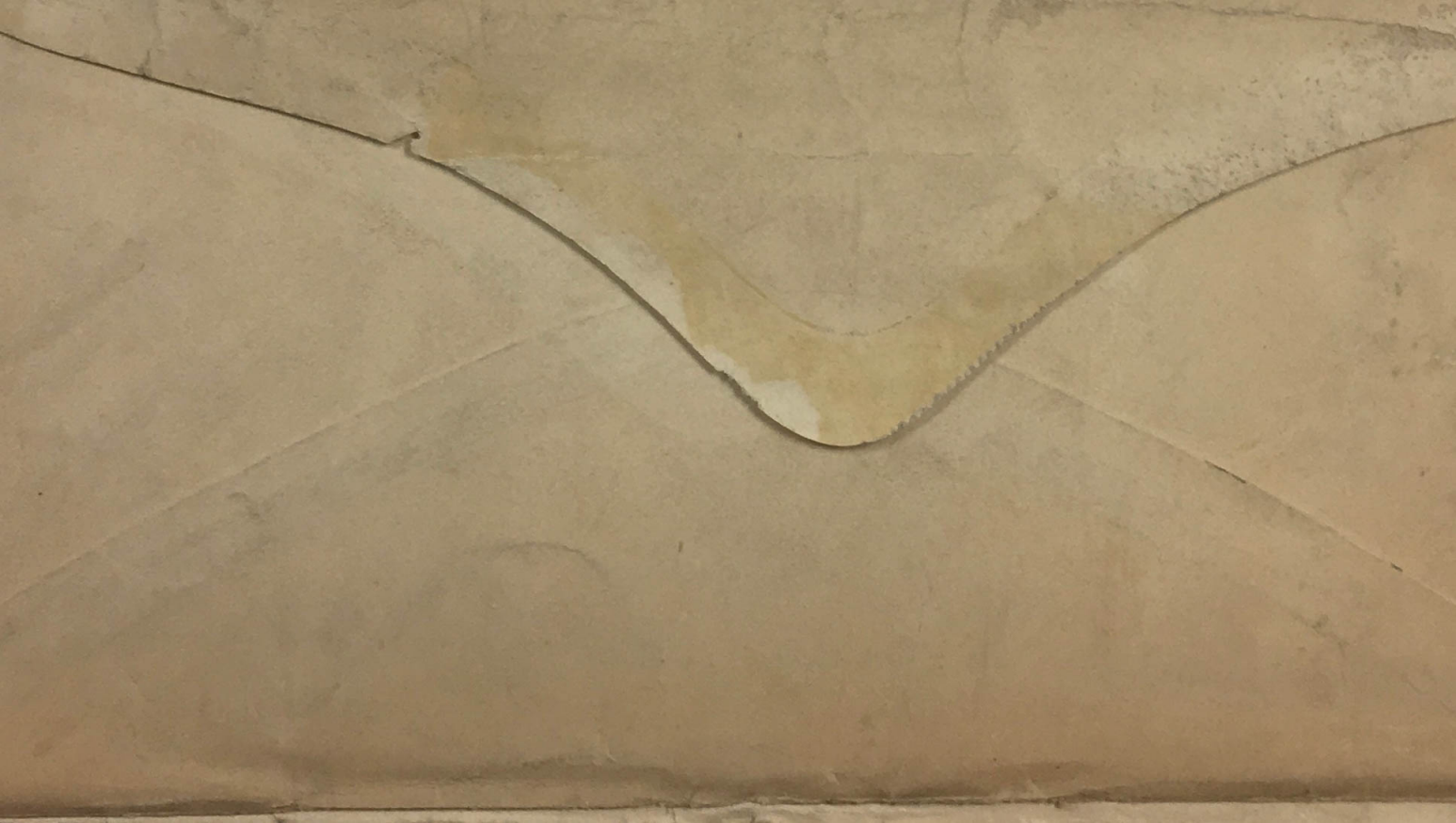
Acting Secy Treasury
(Richardson)

Death of Jacob
R. Eckfeldt, an
-Serge of the Mint
noted on the Records
of the Department

Rec Aug 14/72

Mint of the United States.

Pass Coinage Redemption
Fund at close of Business
aug 31st 1872



Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Octo 5th 1872

Statement of Counterfeit Coins

1 st Bronze	50.49
2 ^d do	1.26
3 ^d Nickel	1.83
5 ^d do	92.65
	\$146 23

These Counterfeits were found in the following amt of Coins re-issued from the Base Coins Redeemed.

1 st Bronze	120.103.20
2 ^d do	41.565.00
3 ^d Nickel	31.440.00
5 ^d do	335.165.00

The Counters state that it is almost impossible to detect these Counterfeit coins until they are in process of cleaning, and many of the 5^d Nickel being made of German Silver and quite as well executed as the genuine coins.

Statement of the Base Coinage Redemption Fund August 31st 1872.

Old Copper Cents

Amount redeemed to date	30190.58
" delivered to Meltor & Refiner	<u>30041.92</u>
Required balance	148.66
Bal on hand	<u>0.00</u>
Deficit	148.66

Nickel One ¢ Coin

Ant redeemed to date	130003.92
" on hand	<u>130100.17</u>
Excess	96.25

Bronze One ¢ Coin

Ant redeemed to date	117247.22
" Issued	<u>112023.20</u>
Required balance	5224.02
Bal on hand	<u>5257.06</u>
Excess	33.04

Summary

	Excesses	Deficits
Old Copper Cents		148.66
1¢ Nickel	96.25	
1¢ Bronze	33.04	
2¢ Bronze	170.53	
3¢ Nickel		985.61
5¢ do	<u> </u>	<u>3501.10</u>
	\$299.82	\$4635.37
Deduct Excesses		<u>299.82</u>
Net Deficit		\$4335.55

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	<u>\$299.82</u>	<u>\$4635.37</u>
Deduct Excesses		<u>299.82</u>
Net Deficit		<u>\$4335.55</u>

Bronze 2 ¢ Coin

Am't redeemed to date	98838.45
" issued	<u>37150.00</u>
Required balance	61688.45
Balance on hand	<u>61858.98</u>
Excess	170.53

Three Cent Nickel Coin

Am't redeemed to date	32131.84
" issued	<u>27390.00</u>
Required balance	4741.84
Balance on hand	<u>3756.23</u>
Deficit	985.61

Five Cent Nickel Coin

Am't redeemed to date	317.350.30
" issued	<u>308.435.00</u>
Required balance	8.915.30
Balance on hand	<u>5.414.20</u>
Deficit	3.501.10

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Statement
Base Coinage Red Fund
at close of business Aug 31/72

Count of Base Coins (redeemed) on hand
Aug 31. 1872.

In Large Vault.

1¢ Nickel	1¢ Bronze,	2¢ Bronze	3¢ Nickel	5¢ Nickel.
\$ 48,010. B. gate	\$ 5,160	\$ 56,480 B. gate	\$ 3,660	\$ 5,200
<u>90.17</u>	<u>97.06</u>	<u>5300</u>	<u>96.23</u>	<u>214.20</u>
78,100.17	5,257.06	48,98	3,756.23.	5,414.20
		61,858.98		

In Small Vault.

1¢ Nickel
\$ 52.000

Total in Both Vaults.

1¢ Nickel

1¢ Bronze

2¢ Bronze

3¢ Nickel

5¢ Nickel

78,100.17✓

52,000.00,

130,100.17

\$ 5,257.06

\$ 61,858.98

\$ 3,756.23

\$ 5,414.20

130,100.17

5,257.06

61,858.98

3,756.23

5,414.20

\$ 206,386.64 on hand.

Am't in Large Vault. inside of Gate

1 of Nickel

\$ 48.010.00 .

2 of Bronze

\$ 56.480.00

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13th 1873.

Dear James:-

I have just heard that it is necessary for Mr. George A. Davis to undergo a surgical operation for the benefit of his sight. I hope he will be accorded the necessary leave of absence with pay. You can represent me in this matter, if necessary. You can say to Mr. D. that I sympathize with him and hope for his early and entire restoration.

Yours truly,
C. C. Carpenter.

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, Feb. 11th 1873

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received. The Mint Bill was amended, in a number of minor particulars, in the Committee of Conference. The only important amendment was in fixing the limit of abrasion at which coin ~~should~~^{shall} be redeemed. I send you a copy of the Bill, as amended by the Senate. I can not now send you Bill, with the Conference Committee Amendments, but the enclosed will give you the general features of it. The printed Law will not be received for some days. I will send you a copy when it comes to hand.

Truly yours,

John D. Edwards

James C. Ogden Esq

U. S. Mint

Phil^d Penn

STATE OF ACCOUNTS of Treasurer of U. S. Mint, at close of business for the day on *August 31* 187*2*

	BULLION ACCOUNT		ORDINARY FUND	CENT COINAGE ACCOUNT	SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH	DENVER BRANCH	<i>Boise</i> NEW ORLEANS BRANCH		CHARLOTTE BRANCH	CARSON CITY BRANCH	BASE COINAGE REDEMPTION FUND		GOLD AND SILVER COINS	NOTES AND BASE COINS	TOTAL	
	GOLD	SILVER														
Balance per last statement,	373.84728	4675438	11633520	127.39495	98537	269.75	100.00		200.00	308.91	20721475				803,410.59	
Received this day,	90.57	850478		1.115.30							3.806.76				1352041	
Total,	373.937.85	55,25916	11633520	128,51325							211,02151				816,931.00	
Paid this day,	59029	170	10,39859	741185							29932				1870175	
Balance,	373.34756	5525746	35,93661	121,10140	985.37	26975	100.00		200.00	30891	210,72219				798,229.25	

Carrying forward
 1871.72 + 17,493.73
 273 18,112.88
 + 35,936.61

Balance carried forward
 D.R.C.

W.H. Cobb
 Cashier.

U. S. ASSAY OFFICE,
BOISE CITY, I. T.



SUPERINTENDENT.

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia
Pa.

Estimates
1873-74



United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., August 12th 1872

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your inspection & approval my estimate of appropriations needed for the next fiscal year.

As you necessarily more than anybody else are aware of the entire insufficiency of the means & force of men now at my disposal, to carry on the business of this office to the satisfaction of its patrons & myself, I would respectfully request you, to point out this deficiency in your forthcoming report & at the proper time to use your influence in behalf of the adoption of the increased appropriation by the Committee.

Likewise I would feel thankful for a recommendation of the back appropriation for myself, which under the circumstances I feel justified to ask for, especially as

you yourself were kind enough before, to admit
the insufficiency of my compensation for the services
as Superintendent, Treasurer, Stovayer & Melton & Refiner
at the same time.

I did not know, whether I ought to put the amount
asked for back appropriations in next years estimate
& thus it appears only in my letter to the Secretary.
~~In case this form should not be correct, I would be~~
obliged for further information.

Hoping, that my request will be favorably received
I am

Very Respectfully Yours
A. Walters
Stovayer.

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., August 12th 1872

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell,
Secy of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the estimate of appropriations, required for the support of this office during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

It will be seen that I have estimated for an increase of the appropriations for salaries, wages of workmen & contingent expenses.

The compensations now paid to officers & clerks are entirely inadequate, they are much lower than those received by the same officers in similar institutions, though the amount of work & responsibility imposed on them is the same & Idaho is probably without an exception the most expensive country to live in, on this coast. On account of the present scanty appropriation & the non appointment of a Melter & Refiner the Assayer in charge has himself to do all the work & assume the responsibility, which in the other offices devolves on 2 or 3 officers & 4 to 6 assistants. It would therefor seem only just

in consideration of the large amount of extra work & responsibility & the extremely low salary received for it, to give this officer the benefit of a back appropriation for the current year to the amount of at least \$1200.

An additional appropriation is asked for the employment of a receiving & calculating clerk, one assistant in the melting department, one watchman & one laborer, all of which appointments ought, if possible, be made in this year yet, as they are absolutely necessary, to carry on the fast increasing business of this office.

An increased appropriation for contingent expenses is also an urgent necessity, the present amount will hardly suffice to defray the cost of charcoal alone, which is worth here 40¢ gold coin per bushel. If I shall not close the office a back appropriation of \$1500 for the present year is required to meet expenses for wood, crucibles, acids & other incidentals.

Relying on the fact that during the short time, since the office was started, it has been conclusively proven by the amount of business transacted, that it is generally considered here a great benefit to the mining community I would respectfully ask you to recommend the increased appropriation to the favorable action of the Committee.

Very Respectfully Yours

Alvatore Arayer.

The column headed "General Object—Title of Appropriation" should contain, as nearly as possible, the title adopted for the same object in the Book of Estimates of last year.

In estimating for new objects, it is desirable that the title of the appropriation be put in as few words as possible. The estimate of the amount required for the service of your Department will be the exact amount you expect to be called upon to expend during the fiscal year, as, by the provisions of the fifth section of the Act of July 12, 1870, unexpended balances are not applicable to the service of the succeeding year.

The details and explanations of each estimate should appear in the column provided therefor, and should be as full and explicit as possible. It is suggested, however, that where no provision of law requires the amounts to be given in detail, it would be better to merely state the objects to which the expenditure is to be applied, without giving the amount which will be required for each of the several items in detail.

In the estimates for all expenditures specifically provided for by acts of Congress, a reference to the acts should be made in the form provided in these blanks. Where the estimate is not specifically authorized by law, but only by appropriations previously made, the word "appropriated" should take the place of the date of the act, and the paragraph in which the appropriation occurs should be referred to by volume, page, and section. Where an item is neither authorized by an act of Congress nor previously appropriated for, the word "submitted" should be introduced in lieu of date of act.

The references to the statutes are specifically required by law, and the other references here suggested will be a means of greatly facilitating the labor of the committees of Congress.

Estimates for new specific objects, such as light-houses, custom-houses, post offices, forts, rivers, harbors, or other public works or improvements, should be accompanied by a detailed estimate of the cost of the whole work as required by law. Where estimates vary materially from the amounts appropriated for the present fiscal year, the variations should be explained by concise notes. Where these notes are extended, it will be better to have them in the form of a letter of explanation, that they may be printed in the Appendix instead of in the body of the Book of Estimates.

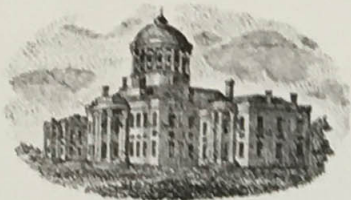
Estimates for salaries or compensation should always be specific, and should never be combined with estimates for general expenses or contingencies. Neither should contingent or general expense estimates contain items for salaries or compensation.

The House Committee on Appropriations meet on the 15th of November for the purpose of preparing the bills for early presentation to Congress, and the prompt transmission of these estimates to this Department will greatly facilitate their labors. The Committee have asked the Department to invite particular attention to these instructions, and to request all persons to comply with the same.

ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, by the *U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, T. T.*

GENERAL OBJECT. (Title of Appropriation.)	DETAILED OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE AND EXPLANATIONS.	Date of acts, resolutions, or treaties authorizing or providing for the expenditures.	References to Statutes at Large. (Little, Brown & Co's edition.) Vol. Page Sec.	Estimated Amount which will be required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.	Amount appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1873.
<i>Salaries</i>	<i>Assayer, in charge of Office</i>	<i>Feb 19th 1869</i>	<i>15 270 1</i>	<i>1 800</i>		
	<i>Additional Salary</i>			<i>1 200</i>		
	<i>Melter & Refiner</i>	<i>Feb 19. 1869</i>	<i>15 270 1</i>	<i>1 800</i>		
	<i>Additional Salary</i>			<i>700</i>		
	<i>Chief Clerk</i>	<i>Feb. 19 1869</i>	<i>15 270 1</i>	<i>1 800</i>		
	<i>Additional Salary</i>			<i>700</i>		
	<i>Receiving & Calculating Clerk</i>	<i>Submitted</i>		<i>1 800</i>	<i>10300</i>	<i>5400</i>
<i>Wage of Workmen</i>	<i>One Assistant in Assaying Department</i>	<i>Feb. 19. 1869</i>	<i>15 270 1</i>	<i>1 800</i>		
	<i>One Bookkeeper & Messenger</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>1 200</i>		
	<i>One Assistant in Melting Department</i>	<i>Submitted</i>		<i>1 800</i>		
	<i>One Watchman</i>	<i>Submitted</i>		<i>1 200</i>		
	<i>One Laborer</i>	<i>do</i>		<i>1 200</i>	<i>7200</i>	<i>3000</i>
<i>Contingent Expenses</i>	<i>Miscellaneous items, incidentals & repairs</i>	<i>Feb. 19 1869</i>	<i>15 270 1</i>	<i>1 500</i>		
	<i>Additional appropriation</i>	<i>Submitted</i>		<i>2 000</i>	<i>3500</i>	<i>1500</i>
					<i>\$ 21000</i>	<i>\$ 9900</i>

Respectfully submitted
J. Wolcott
Assayer



Benj. Singery Lith. Philad.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.
SUPREME COURT ROOMS
FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT.

Hon. James Thompson, (Chief Justice.)

(John M. Read, Daniel Agnew, } Justices.
George Sharswood, Henry W. Williams, }

James Ross Snowden, (Prothonotary.)

Philadelphia, Pa. August 10. 1872.

My Dear Governor:

I have received the announcement of the death of Mr. Eckfeldt, the venerable Mayor of the City, with lively emotion of sorrow and regret. And I thank you for your polite invitation to attend a meeting next Monday to do honor to the memory of this most faithful officer and valuable Citizen. I accept the invitation, and will wait on you at the time and place mentioned in your note.

With great respect,

Yours very truly

James Ross Snowden.

Hon. James Pollock LL.D.

Director U.S. Mint.

James Ross Snowden &
Phil -

Accept invitation
to the meeting on
Mr. Eckfeldt's
death.

Recd Aug 72/72

Patterson N.C. 9th Aug 1872

Dear Sir

A young friend has left with me a Copper Coin which I am tempted to describe briefly not knowing but that it may be rare and would be an acquisition to your Museum of Coins

This Coin is not quite so thick, but a little greater in diameter than the U.S. Copper Cent. The device on one side is the head of a horse over a very clumsy imitation of a Plough with the words "NOVA CAESAREA" and the date 1786. The other side has a shield with the motto E. PLURIBUS * UNUM.

I presume it is a New Jersey Coin from the design which is much like the Seal of that State. If this Coin is rare and desirable I could probably secure it for your Museum

Two friends in this vicinity have each a Silver U.S. Dollar of the date of 1795 but I do not know that they are rare in Collections

although very rare in the country.

Very Respectfully
Yours Most Oth
J. C. Harper

Hon James Pollock.

Director U. S. Mint,
Philad.^a

Saml. L. Harper, M.C.
Patterson, N.C.

Enquires the value
of certain old
Coins.

Recd Aug 14/72

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Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., August 9th, 1872.

A. L. S.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to the Secretary of the Treasury the annual report of the operations of the United States Mint and branches for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1872 with as little delay as practicable.

Very Respectfully

W. A. Richardson

Acting Secretary

James Pollock Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa }

Acting Secy Treasury
(Richardson)

Requesting the
Annual Report
of the United States
for the last fiscal
year with as little
delay as possible.

Rec^d Augt 28/72

United States Assay Office,

New York, Aug. 2 1872

Sir:

I send herewith my Statement
of the business of this Office for
the Fiscal Year ending June 29th 1872.

Very Respectfully,
Thos. C. Peterson
Superintendent

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Penn.

N. Y. Assay Office

Send annual
statement for the
fiscal year, 1871-72

Recd Aug 3/72

170.70
Bryan Williams Co
Ohio Aug 8th 1872

Director U.S. Mint
Sir

In the year 1854 probably
in July or August Stephen Gilbert then
of Wayne Co Ohio recently returned
from Australia deposited for assay
at United States mint - Philadelphia
two ~~packages~~ packages of Australian
Gold - One Nugget - weighing abt 12
ounces & one package of gold dust -
weighing about (32) thirty two ounces
as is supposed for adjustment
of rights between owners it becomes im-
portant for us to learn how much
in dollars both the nugget & dust -
netted to Gilbert -

Will you be so good as to inform
us upon these points

Very Respectfully Pratt & Bowen

Pratt + Cowen
Bryan Ohio.

Aug. 8th 1872

Want mem. of deposit
by Stephen Gilbert in
1854

1854

Dec 26

Receipt no.

1878

assay no.

2819

2820

Before melting
ozs. dwt.

3221

1070

after melting
ozs. dwt.

3095

8.19

609.22

161.48

770.70

Steel

Rec'd

Aug 12/72

United States Assay Office,

New York, Aug. 8. 1872.

Sir:

As Messrs. Becker & Sons, the manufacturers of our balances, are under agreement to keep them constantly in order, I beg to suggest that it will not be necessary for Mr. Tompkins to come on here for the purpose of adjusting them.

Very Respectfully,

Thos. E. Nelson
Superintendent.

Hon. James Pollock,

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia,

Penn.

N. Y. Assay Office

Becker & Sons
are under contract
to keep the Scales
adjusted. Thinks
Mr. Tompkins need
not come on further
purpose.

Recd Aug 9/72

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 7. August 1872

Hon. James Pollock

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

The following are our opinions on the
Questions submitted by M^r Hillhouse

1.st Where the deposits are of small amount, we think they
are not designed to be embraced in the Instructions of the
Dep^t of 25th July; and that the judgment of the Weigh-
clerk might be trusted with them as heretofore. Where
the deposits^{are} of large amounts, they cannot be of frequent oc-
currence, and it would therefore^{not} be onerous on an Officer
to pass an opinion on them. Since the reception, rejection
or deductions on these large deposits are based by the
Dep^t on the fineness by assay, & the character of the Alloying
metal, it is plain that the Assay Department alone can
be the proper judge. We suggest that blank forms be
prepared, to be signed by the Assayer, expressing the

Assay Office, Aug. 7. 1872

For the Director.

After conference with the Melter & Refiner, as you desired, I find no difference of opinion on the points stated. I believe he will write fully; so that I need only say, that in all ordinary cases, a Weigh-Clerk of any experience can tell by sight, what bullion can be accepted, under the regulations; and that when he is in doubt, he should refer to the Assayer, if it be only a question of fineness. Just such a case happened to-day, in which I roughly found a lot under 400, & said it could not be received - altho' coming with another good lot, it was an embarrassing case.

The difficulty mentioned, wherein they may send bad bullion merely to have it assayed, will scarcely happen once a month, with us, and need not offer any impediment.

As to the time when these rules should begin to operate, I prefer to leave that entirely with yourself.

Very respectfully
Wm E DuBois ass^t ass^y

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES, (3

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia,

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are not unaware of the nature of the Regulations.

Very respectfully yours

J. C. Booth

m & R

fineness, and approximate amounts of base metals named, so that the proper deduction may be made, if the deposit be received, and that the same be passed over to the M & R. to guide him in his refining operations.

We think that the danger of depositors availing themselves of the assay without charge is greatly overrated, especially when it is considered that those who might perchance wish to have the Gov^t Stamp of assay for any improper purpose can have such assay made for a very small charge by a law that has long been operative.

2nd. We think that the weight after melting under a protective flux should be the true weight from which deductions are to be made after the assay, because in a majority of cases, it is only by granulation that a correct assay can be obtained, on which assay, rejection, or reception & deduction are based.

3rd Perhaps a short delay of a few weeks might be more proper, altho' in all probability those who may be affected by the new Regulations of the Dept

John

(August 7. 1872

"Base Silver Bullion"
and Directors letter to
Thos. Bellhouse. Treasurer
N. S. Ass. office

Aug 27. 1872 - J

Recd Aug 29/72

Report

Of Gold Dollars washed to, ascertain amount of dirt
No.

1. Allowance for dirt washed by Assayers Dunes 1000.00 Dunes 0.326

2. " " " " " " " " " " 1000 00 " 0.180

3 " " " " " " " " " " 1000 00 " 0.28

The above no. 1 and 2 lots were from the same \$5000

bag. The no. 3 lot was selected by Assayers from \$4,000.000

recoined a few years ago and washed by them

Henry T. Codman

Report

Of gold ingots made from 2,000,000 United States Gold dollars

Total Weight Gross Ounces	107.022 03	Ingots & assay slips Ounces	106.872 39
		Grains & sweep	" 153 34
Allowance for dirt "	30 26	Total standard net "	106.985 53
		Loss of gold (\$153.30) "	8 24
Clean gold net "	106.991 77		106.991 77

Average fineness of ingots made .899.96

Loss from Abrasion on the \$2,000,000	\$9.455 44
" " making Ingots	153 30
Total Loss	<u>\$9.608 74</u>

Amount paid by warrant	\$1.990 256 74
Value of sweep	134 52
Total Loss	<u>9 608 74</u>
	<u>\$2.000 000 00</u>

Henry S. Cochran

Receiving Clerk

August 23. 1872.

Report
By Henry Cohen ^{Mar. Clerk}
of the weight, value &c
of the \$2,000,000 in
small coin (gold) sent
from Asst Treas. at
New York to U.S. mint
for recoinage.

also statement
of abrasion &c.

Rec^d August 25. 1872

Thos Bellhouse Esq

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst
enclosed, your letter of the 1st inst to the Secretary
of the Treasury in reference to the ^{Regulation of July 25/72 for the} reception of gold
silver bullion at the U.S. Mint &c. was duly rec^d.

Absence & the extreme heat of the weather have
prevented an earlier reply.

In answer to your request for specific instructions,

1st - As to the manner in which the fineness of such bullion
shall be determined, I say that where the deposits
are of small amounts (and probably not intended to
be included in the Instructions) the judgment of
the Assay Clerk may be trusted with them as hereo-
fore.

When the deposits are of large amounts, it would
be proper to obtain the opinion of the Master & Registrar
or Assayer on them. But since the reception - re-
jection or deductions on these large deposits are
based by the Department on the fineness by assay,
and the Character of the Alloying Metal, the Assay Depart-
ment alone will be the proper judge in determining
these questions. Blank forms should be prepared,
to be signed by the Assayer, explaining the fineness and
approximate amounts of the base metals named,
so that the proper deductions may be made if the de-
posit be received, & the same passed over to the

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, ~~14~~ Aug. 1872

Delivered to the Director

25 Silver discs @ $999\frac{1}{2}$ fine = 146.51 oz.

Add $\frac{4}{1000}$ (.004) for wastage 59 "

147.10 oz

147.10 oz. @ $\$1\frac{40}{100}$ pr. oz = \$ 205.94

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

DOMESTIC BILL OF LADING.]

Philadelphia,

August 14 1872

RECEIVED of

Director of M. S. Mink

Cent 1200

Value \$250 - in form

For which this Company charges

Marked Near Admiral A. Judson Case
Washington D.C.

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation.

It is part of the consideration of this contract, and it is agreed, that the said Express Company are Forwarders Only, and are not to be held liable or responsible for any loss or damage to said property while being conveyed by the Carriers to whom the same may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the negligence or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants; nor, in any event, shall the holder hereof demand beyond the sum of Fifty Dollars, at which the article forwarded is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, or unless specially insured by them, and so specified in this receipt, which insurance shall constitute the limit of the liability of the Adams Express Company. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do,) such Company or persons so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the shipper or owner, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be, in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such Company or person; and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained, shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every Company or person to whom the Adams Express Company may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person. In no event shall the Adams Express Company be liable for any loss or damage, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at this office, within thirty days after this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed. All articles of Glass or contained in Glass, or any of a fragile nature, will be taken at Shipper's risk only, and the shipper agrees that the Company shall not be held responsible for any injury by breakage or otherwise, nor for damage to goods not properly packed and secured for transportation. It is further agreed, that said Company shall not, in any event, be liable for any loss, damage or detention caused by the acts of God, Civil or Military Authority, or by Rebellion, Piracy, Insurrection or Riot, or the dangers incident to a time of war, or by any riotous or armed assemblage. If any sum of money, beside the charge for transportation, is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the above-described property, and the same is not paid within thirty days from the date hereof, the shipper agrees that this Company may return said property to him after the expiration of that time, subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay the charges for transportation both ways, and that the liability of this Company for such property while in its possession for the purpose of making such collection, shall be that of Warehousemen only.

For the Company,

Freight,

Geo. C. Thompson

A stated meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf & Dumb will be held on Wednesday next at 4 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Aug 3.

At present I am not aware that any further
modifications are contemplated, If any should
be made you will be promptly informed of
such change.

Yrs

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Aug. 6 1872

Hon. James Pollock
Director Mint U.S.
Sir:

In reply to the communication of Messrs. Canton & Barling, of New York, transmitted to you by the Secretary of the Treasury, of date July 23, ultimo. I have to say:

The U. S. Assay Office at New York deposited with the Treasurer of the Mint \$14,426.78 value in silver on the 12th of June last, to be returned in dimes and Half dimes. The order was filled on July 19 & 24, respectively. That was the last deposit by the Assay Office for small silver in June.

The Assay Office deposited the sum of \$20,808.65 in silver, calling for dimes and Half dimes, on the 17th of July ultimo. The Half dimes were forwarded to satisfy this order on the 1st of Aug. current.

Very Respectfully, Yours

Wm. C. Coby
Cash

for Treas. U. S. Mint

M. St. Cobb, Esq
Cashier Treas. U.S. Mint

The reply to com-
plaint of Cantoni &
Bastin, N.Y. & now
delivered of Italy Dimes
by N.Y. Assay Office

Recd Aug 6. 1872

WAKEFIELD NATIONAL BANK.

Wakefield, R. I., Aug. 6th 1879.

James Pollock Esq
Director,
Drbi

In your letter
of the 24th Met. you say
you forward the \$100-
in 5. + 1st in five days
If not already sent
Please forward as soon
as you can.

Yours Very Truly
D. M. C. Stedman

Wakefield Mass BK
Wakefield
D. M. C. Stearns R. D.

Inguis after bar
coin order

Re Aug 8. 1872

United States Assay Office,

New York, August 1st 1872

Wm. George S. Boutwell

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

Referring to your Circular of July 25th governing Deposits of Silver Bullion at this Office, I would respectfully ask specific instructions.

1st As to the manner in which the fineness of such Bullion shall be determined.

Whether it shall depend upon the judgment of the Weigh Clerk, by whom all deposits are primarily received; the opinion of the Melter & Refiner; or the decision of the Assayer.

If the latter, preliminary assays of a doubtful character would be a necessity. If the Government furnished these Assays without charge, may we not infer that Depositors would avail themselves of this liberality to establish the character of their bullion by obtaining the Government stamp of its value before submitting it to

Mr
United States Assay Office,

New York, *August 6* 1872

Sir

I herewith transmit copy of letter to the Secretary in reference to Circular of July 25 (Sept. 88) regulating deposits of base silver bullion &c - a reply to which I have this morning received, requesting me to correspond with you upon the subject.

I shall be pleased to learn what modifications, if any, are contemplated, as it is desirable to have uniform action at the two Institutions.

We are now receiving deposits under the old regulations.

Very respectfully
W. H. Wood

Hon. James Pollock

Treasurer

Director Mint
Philadelphia

N. Y. Assay Office

Requies, found
Tha. Still house
near
Reas. as to in -
- structure regular
- very deposits of
Silver bullion.

Recd Aug 7/72

it to private refineries, or using it for other purposes.

2^d Are the deductions to be based upon the weight of bullion before, or after melting?

3^d At what time are these regulations to become operative?

Would it not be well to suspend their operation a sufficient time to notify Depositors of the change, and to have them take effect simultaneously in all the Minting Institutions.

I am Sir, very respectfully

(Signed) Tho^s Hillhouse

Treasurer

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., August 1st 1872.

Hon. James Pollock.
Director of the Mints

Sir,

There being, as far as I am able to learn, no prospect of a speedy nomination of a Melter and Refiner for this Office by the President, I have to day, subject to approval of the Secretary of the Treasury & yourself, appointed Robert Heuschkel Melter and Refiner pro tem at a salary of Eighteen Hundred Dollars per annum.

From a long personal acquaintance I know Mr. Heuschkel to be exceedingly well qualified to fill the office in every respect to the satisfaction of the Department & I would respectfully ask for the approval of his appointment.

I do not know whether an officer pro tem is required to give bonds & file an oath of office &

I would be thankful for information on the subject.

I have to day also notified the Secretary of the Treasury of the appointment made & submitted it for his approval.

Very Respectfully

Wolters

Mayor.

Police City Assay Office

Has approved
Robert Menashkel
M. & B. J. M. ten.

Dec 19/72

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1872/AUGUST

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / 1872 / SEPTEMBER

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 30. Sept. 1872

Hon. James Pollock

Director of the U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I have observed in the letter of Mr Torrey to the Suptdt. of the N. Y. Assay Office, that he reiterates the assay of 940 fine for N^o 46 (N. Y. S^o) of Invoice 49 of Shipment of Silver Bullion. I find that the Assayer has retained slips of the original bars, as received from the Assay Office, and likewise granulations of the melts of that number (46) by the Mint. Our Assayer, upon review, confirms his numbers of 935 fine. I respectfully suggest that a joint assay be made of the slips & granulations, and, if required a Remelt of the whole number (46) with a view to fresh granulations for assay.

Respectfully yours

J. H. Booth
M. Y. R.

Prof. Booth M. & R.

to

Director of the Mint
on defect in assay
of deposits from the
N. Y. Assay office
and proposing a
joint assay.

Sept. 30th 1872

Rec^d. Oct 1. 1872

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Sept. 30 1871

Hon. James Pollock
Director

Dear Sir

Mr. Alex^r E. Outerbridge
requests us to make an effort to have a small
addition to his daily pay.

He has been in our department
over two years, at a very small stipend, less
than is allowed to the workmen in our rooms.
He is a young man of excellent character,
deports himself well, and is, of course, useful
as a weigher at the assay balances, and
in other duties.

If agreeable to you, we propose that
he should receive fifty cents additional.

Truly yours

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer
Wm E. DuBois
Asst.

Messrs Eckfeld &
Dubois, asking
An increase of pay for
Alon. E. Culverdy

Encl B

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington September 30th 1872

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose my
Transfer Check, # 2536, \$ 2,000⁺, on Asst.
Treasurer, Philadelphia, payable to your order,
for which please forward to this office
same amount in 5¢ nickel pieces, at your
earliest convenience.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]
Treasurer U.S.

Oct 10/72
Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Saml F. E. Spinner
Treas. U.S.
Washington D.C.

Enclosing transfer
check for \$2,000. in
5 of nickels.

Rec Oct. 1. 1872

CAPITAL, \$300,000.

JAMES L. HAYS, President.

LINUS M. PRICE, Cashier.

Merchants' National Bank,

703 Broad St., Cor. of Cedar,

Newark, N. J., Sept 28 1872

Dear Sir,

Received the

great amt on M. for \$500
for bank coin of which we
are now much in need -
When can we have it?

Yours Truly

L. M. Price

Merchants Nat BK
Newark
Linn's Dr. Price A. J

asks when they may
expect bare coin

Re Sept 30, 1872

MS
United States Assay Office,

New York,

Sept 27 1872

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst, enclosing copy of Directors letter, to Treasurer of this Office together with copy of Secretary's letter to the Director of Mint of Sept 19. 1872, approving his instructions relating to the regulations of July 25. 1872 in regard to the reception of base Silver Bullion

I observe in the Secretary's letter of approval the regulations are to take effect on the first day of October 1872; acting under your instructions of Aug 26. 1872, these regulations have been in effect since Sept 1. 1872.

Am I to refund to depositors the deductions which have been made (under the new regulations) during the present month.

over

An immediate reply is solicited.

Very Respectfully

Hon Jas. Pollock

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

W. W. Willoughby

Treasurer

N. Y. Assay Office

Enquiries in the charge
of $\frac{1}{4}$ per ct. on base
silver bullion, since
Sept 1. under the
regulations of Aug 25/72
shall be refunded
to depositors.

Recd Sept 28/72

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., September 27th 1872

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mints.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th inst. In reply I will state, that no fine gold has ever been received by this Office & the quantity of fine silver furnished (6 ozs) is so small, that I have to work it over about twice a month. As all the work here devolves on me this is rather unpleasant & troublesome & from this reason I have asked for an additional supply. I enclose the amount of your bill by money order, together with duplicate bills & warrants. Please receipt these & return & oblige

Very Respectfully Yours
A. Wolcott
Assayer

Boise City Assay Office

Needs some
pure gold and
silver for assay
purposes. —

P.O. adv for \$18.50
Enclosed to
pay bill for supplies.

Rec'd Oct 7. 1872

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Treasury Department,

September 26th, 1872.

Sir:

The official bond of W^m E. Du Bois,
as Assayer U.S. Mint Philadelphia,
Penn., having been properly certified
and approved, I enclose herewith a
temporary commission which you
will please deliver to him.

I am, very respectfully

Wm. A. Richardson

Acting Secretary

James Pollock, Esq.

Director U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Acting Secy Treasury
(Richardson)

Enclosing temporary
Commission of
J. E. DuBois, as
Assayer of the Mint

Rec^d Sept 28/72

S. G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Sept. 25th, 1872.

Sir!

Will you oblige me by furnishing for the use of this office, monthly, at the close of business on the last business day of each month, statements as follows:

- 1st Statement of the "Bullion Fund" of the Mint proper. \$1,320,797.
- 2^d Statement of the account of Coin sent by Assistant-Treasurers of the U.S. for recoinage and return.
- 3^d Statement of the "Nickel Account" as between the Mint and the Treasurer U.S.

If you can conveniently do so, I would be pleased to have these reports made from and after June 30th 1872.

Very Respectfully,

E. A. Munn
Treasurer

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Mr. F. L. Spinner
Treas. U. S.
Washington D.C.

Wants monthly report
of Bullion Fund;
U. S. coinage; &
Nickel accounts.

Recd Sept 26/72

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 187

Statement of the U.S. Bullion Fund.

	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>
July 31 st 1872	\$ 838.440.94	\$ 293.638.83
Aug. 31 st 1872	Same.	
Sept. 30 th 1872	Same.	

Account of Coin received from U. S. Treas-
ury, New York for recoinage. Gold Dollars.

July 13 th 1872	\$ 1.000.000.-
" 16 th 1872	\$ 1.000.000.-

\$ 2.000.000.-

Net return

1.990.256.74

Loss by abrasion &c. \$ 9.743.26

Balance of Cent Coinage &c.	July 31. 1872	\$ 97.935.89
Do.	Aug. 31. 1872	127.394.95
Do.	Sept. 30. 1872	135.638.60
Balance of Base Coins Redeemed.	July 31. 1872	200.700.86
Do.	Aug 31. 1872	210.722.19
Do.	Sept. 30. 1872	209.479.93

United States Assay Office.

New York Sept. 25th 1872

Thomas C. Acton Esq. Superintendent

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry respecting the fineness of Special Melt-No. 46 I would respectfully submit to you the full record of the assay upon which the report was based.

1 st Isrampulation	1 st Assay	939.9	} Reported 940.
1 st "	2 ^d "	940.4	
2 ^d "	1 st "	943.6	
2 ^d "	2 ^d "	943.2	

These were all plus results & we know of no reason to doubt the accuracy of our report.

Yours respectfully

H. L. Torrey

Acting Assayer

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Sept. 25th 1872

Sir:

Yours of the 24th received, together with a statement from Professor Booth, in relation to a loss sustained by the Mint on some Silver received from this office. In reply I would state that the matter was referred to Mr. H. G. Torrey, Actg Assayer at this office, who submits the enclosed report.

Very Respectfully

Thos. C. Acton

Wm. A. Pollock

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent

Philadelphia.

N. Y. Assay Office

Enclosing Return Assayed
Torreij's reply to M. & N.
Book's complaint of the
24 Sept, of loss on invoice
No. 49. Silver.

Rec^d Sept 26/74

Spanish Dollar —

Mint Regulation of 1772

1 Mark of Silver of 10.15 fine
is coined into $8\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars —
See Jones & Kelly

Assuming the Mark as Mr Jones
does Page 25 at 3553 — the
Dollar weighs by Law 418 grains
English Troy — and must con-
tain $374.\frac{468}{1000}$ grain pure silver
which is $3\frac{208}{1000}$ grain of pure silver
lighter than the U.S. Dollar, or = 1.0086.

Assuming the Mark after Kelly
as determined by trials at the Spanish
Mint at 3550.5 the Dollar
weighs by Law — Troy Grain 417.705
and must contain $374.\frac{144}{1000}$ Troy
grain pure silver exceeding the
Doll. of U.S. by $2\frac{944}{1000}$ gr. fine silver
or ————— 1.0079

Spanish
Dollars
according to Mr. Tomy

	Silver	Gold
Gram — 15.434 containing —		0.0154 grs
Decigram 154.340 d —		0.154
Centogram 1543.400 — d —		1.54
Kilogram — 15434.000 — d —		15.4

15434 — 15.4 —	
5760	
9240	
1078	
770	
88604.0	5.74
7770	0404
77170	2296
114340	22960
108038	$\frac{1}{2}$ 23.1896
63020	11.5948
61736	
12840	

It appears therefore that in Paris as
~~Dr~~ Mr. Dele states ~~that~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ milligram of gold
 in a gram of silver can be separated with
 advantage. Stille compounds to 2.87/100 grains in
 the pound Troy — this is about $12\frac{5}{8}$ cents
~~per pound~~ including the pains and the operation.

Elim at a
charge for hunting by
Lutphen and
by Mr. Peale,
Halom t

Office of Superintendent United States Branch Mint,

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 24. 1872

Sir.

Yours of the 16th inst referring
to an obvious error in the wording of
my requisition of the 6th inst is received.
My letter should have stated that we
require four (4) obverse half dime dies
for the present calendar year. (1872.)

Hon Jas. Pollock

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia.

Pa.

Very Respectfully

O. H. Lang

Superintendent

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

[DOMESTIC BILL OF LADING.]

Philadelphia,

Oct 3

1872

RECEIVED of

Director of U. S. Mint

One Package

Value \$ 50

For which this Company charges

Marked O. H. L. L. L.

Supt. U. S. Mint San Francisco

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation.

It is part of the consideration of this contract, and it is agreed, that the said Express Company are Forwarders Only, and are not to be held liable or responsible for any loss or damage to said property while being conveyed by the Carriers to whom the same may be by said Express Company entrusted or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants; nor, in any event, shall the holder hereof demand beyond the sum of Fifty Dollars, at which the article forwarded is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, or unless specially insured by them, and so specified in this receipt, which insurance shall constitute the limit of the liability of the Adams Express Company. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do,) such Company or persons so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the shipper or owner, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be, in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such Company or person; and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained, shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every Company or person to whom the Adams Express Company may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person. In no event shall the Adams Express Company be liable for any loss or damage, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at this office, within thirty days after this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed. All articles of Glass or contained in Glass, or any of a fragile nature, will be taken at Shipper's risk only, and the shipper agrees that the Company shall not be held responsible for any injury by breakage or otherwise, nor for damage to goods not properly packed and secured for transportation. It is further agreed, that said Company shall not, in any event, be liable for any loss, damage or detention caused by the acts of God, Civil or Military Authority, or by Rebellion, Piracy, Insurrection or Riot, or the dangers incident to a time of war, or by any riotous or armed assemblage. If any sum of money, beside the charge for transportation, is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the above-described property, and the same is not paid within thirty days from the date hereof, the shipper agrees that this Company may return said property to him after the expiration of that time, subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay the charges for transportation both ways, and that the liability of this Company for such property while in its possession for the purpose of making such collection, shall be that of Warehousemen only.

For the Company,

Geo. L. Thompson

Freight, _____

San Francisco Mint

ordered.
4 Half Anne dies, are
for 1872

Rec^d Oct 2nd 1872

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 24 Sept. 1872.

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

As Invoice N^o 49
of Silver from the N. Y. Assay Office
under date of 18th Inst. contained
some 10000 oz. above 900 fine, yet
not so-called fine silver, I required
the three deposits Nos 774, 775 &
776 (N. Y. Nos 45, 46, & 1295 respect-
ively) to be melted, the 2 former in
3 lots each, being over 4000 oz. each.
The finenesses of the three deposits are
given below, comparing the N. Y. assay
with the duplicate assays of each melt
by us determined

		N. Y. assay	Phil. ^a Assays
N ^o 774 or	{ 1 2 3 }	931	931
N. Y. N ^o . 45		931½	931½
		931½	931¾

N ^o -775 or	$\left. \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right\}$	$\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{N.Y. assay} \\ 940 \end{array} \right\}$	935 $\frac{3}{4}$ — 936
N.Y. N ^o -46			934 $\frac{1}{4}$ — 934 $\frac{1}{4}$
			935 — 936

N^o-776 or
 N.Y. N^o-7295 } — 919 919 — 919 $\frac{1}{4}$

The agreement of the 1st & last substantially with the N.Y. assays proves the correctness of our returns of the 2nd lot & invalidates the N.Y. assay of the same.

Our assay is .005 below that of N.Y. on the 2nd (N^o-775) and ~~this~~ yet our Mint w^d be charged by the N.Y. Report. This I cannot consent to, since it is a loss of 24 $\frac{37}{100}$ Standard ounces of Silver to the Mint & to my Account.

Will you please inform the Superintendent of the above fact, & request the deficiency to be made good before it be charged against me.

Very truly yours
 J. A. C. Booth
 M. & R.

Prof. J. C. Booth
M + N

a case
Report of 24 $\frac{37}{100}$
Standard ozs. in in-
voice of No. 49. &
silver from N. Y.
Assay Office.

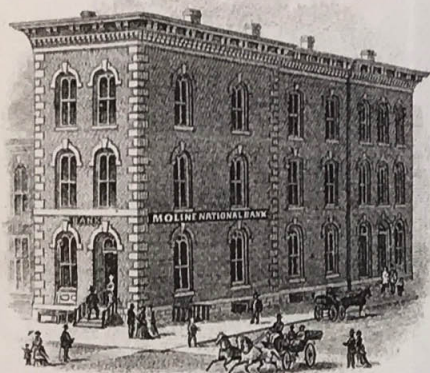
Recd Sept 24/72

S. W. Wheelock, Pres't.

Porter Skinner, Vice Pres't.

C. W. Liddell, Cash'r.

C. F. Hemmery, Asst. Cash'r.



WESTERN & CHICAGO CO.
CHICAGO

THE MOLINE NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$100,000.

Moline, Ill. Sept. 23rd 1872

Mr. Pallock, Esq. Dr.

Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir:

On August 26th we ordered of you \$100 in 5th m'ly receipt of our remittance you acknowledged on Aug 30 and said you would send m'ly in a few days, but we have not received them yet. Thinking perhaps the order had been overlooked I have taken the liberty to remind you of it.

Yours truly

C. F. Hemmery

Shippier
Sept. 21. 1872

Moline Kas BK

Moline
C. F. Hemmway
Ill

Asks of the bar coin
order

Re Sept 27, 1872

CAPITAL PAID IN, \$200,000.

Second National Bank of Allentown,

FINANCIAL AGENCY AND DEPOSITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Allentown, Penn a, Sept, 23^d 1872

Hon. James Pollock.

Dear Sir.

On the 6th inst we ordered some 5¢ Coin. on the 9th inst you acknowledged receipt of \$60. & advised that you would forward by Express in about two weeks" we are very much pressed for them especially so, since this is our County Fair week, & would be pleased to receive them.

Truly Yours,

F. E. Samuels Cashier

And by post
next week

Second Natl Bank of
Allentown
J. B. Hummel. Pa

Inquire after bare coin
ordered

Re Sept 25, 1872

Grand Rapids Sept 23/72
To the Director of the
United States Mint -

Sir

I have twenty dollars in U S Old
State of Large Coppers and I would like to
know in what kind of currency they are
redeemed in, also in what manner I am
to pack & ship them, and by what Express
Co and if you have any choice

I would like to obtain in return a set
of the Regular Issue that is the Dollar,
Half Dollar, Quarter Dollar, Dime, Half Dime
& Three Cent Silver, also the five & three Cent
Nickel, also a two & one cent Proof Copper
and about six ^{pieces} two cent, & six ^{pieces} one cent, of
the regular issue copper, all of 1872

I am and would figure two dollar, and
twenty two cent or say \$2.25 and the bal
in the currency that you redeem in, I
am ready to ship and want your reply

I remain yours

Respectfully

Thos W Porter

Box 453

Thos W. Porter
Grand Haven
Mich

Wants redemption and
Medal circulars

Rm Sept 26/72

Banking House of A. S. BURT.

Van Wert, O., Sept 20th 1872.

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir

On 24th ult. I sent you a
Draft on Union Bk & Co. for \$150 #
for which I wished nickel
coin sent me per Adams Express.
2 Sacks 5¢; 2 Sacks 2¹/₂¢ each in 1¢.
The letter was duly acknowledg-
ed receipt of & I now write to
enquire, how soon I can expect
the coin? And needing it & you
will greatly oblige by forwarding
at once

Yours, truly
A. S. Burt

Shupham
9/11/8

A. S. Burt

Man West

Ohio

Inquis about base
en ordered

Ru Sept 23, 1872

S. M. Swenson
W. M. Perkins
D. L. Kernigan

Swenson, Perkins & Co.

80 WALL STREET, P.O. BOX 5724.

New York September 19 1872

Mr James Pollock, Director
United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir: We enclose our check \$200.
Please send us a like amount in Nickel S. &
pieces, if they can be furnished by the 23rd
instant, otherwise we will not cash them,
With thanks for past favors we remain,

Yours Respectfully

Swenson Perkins & Co
C. Chapman

80 Wall St

Svenson, Perkins & Co
New York

Sends Check for \$200.
for 5 of Nickel pieces
to be furnished by the
23 on check returned

(Check returned)
(Sept 20 1872)

Recd Sept 20, 1872

JOHN S. BRATTON, President.
B. M. C. DURFEE, Vice President.
C. A. BASSETT, Cashier.

CAPITAL
\$400,000.

First National Bank.

Fall River, Mass.,

Sept 9th 1872

James Talloch

Esq.,

~~Cashier~~

Dear Sir:

Your favor

of the 18th inst has been received with enclosures,
as stated.

Enclosed I forward for

You promise to file our order of the
16th inst in about four weeks, say you
not forward the same so it shall reach
me October 5th as I must pay much then
and the four weeks limit you make
will bring things up about the middle
of the month about ten days too late.

Respectfully Yours,

If you can accommodate me by
sending as above you will greatly
oblige

Cashier.

oblige

Yours Truly

C. A. Bassett Cashier

First Nat Bank

Fall River

L. A. Bassett

Man

Wants base coin sent
before Oct 5. 72

Rn Sept 21/72

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., September 19th 1872

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint.

Sir,

Having been informed by the Secretary, that I may draw for the whole amount appropriated for contingent expenses at once, I have the honor to submit a requisition for the balance of that fund for your approval.

If you can give it, I would feel obliged to get some information about the appointment of a Melter & Refiner for this institution.

Very Respectfully
Alverson
Assayer.

Baird City Assay Office

Enclosing requisition
for \$750. —

Rec^d Sept 30/72

U. S. Assay Office.

New York Sept 19th 1872

Prof R. C. Rogers

Assay Commission, U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your favor of 9th

inst was rec^d on 10th - Your under-

standing of the matter, that the disregarded fractions of the hundredth of an ounce go to the benefit of the M. & R. when they are not balanced by particles of flux &c on the bars, is correct. As to "how" we estimate the amount of foreign matters (flux &c), it is difficult to explain. The Cases are few, the allowances small, and they are only made after Careful examination at the time of weighing. It avoids an expenditure of labor & materials alike unprofitable to the government and the depositor -

Very Respectfully Yours

Judith Madison
Metter Refiner

U. S. Assay Office.

New York Sept 7th 1872

Prof R. C. Rogers

Wastage Commission, U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th inst., with inquiries, is at hand.

Our practice in weighing is uniform.* We do not note fractions less than the hundredth of an ounce at all; and do not weigh silver closer than to five hundredths.

Special deductions for flux, Iron, &c are based on the amount of these respectively, without regard to the weight of the deposit.

Very Respectfully Yours

Aud^d Maslow

Melter & Refiner

* See paragraph 4. of the official Instructions from the Director of the Mint (printed 1858).

Copy
1874

Regulations common to the N. Y. Assay
Office and Mint at Philadelphia.

- 1 The Balances and Weights at both the Mint and Assay Office, should be systematically ~~adjusted~~ ^{checked} and their accuracy maintained under one general supervision.
- 2 The system of weighing, and allowances in weighing at both places should be the same.
- 3 The tariff of charges on bullion at both institutions should be the same.
- 4 The mode of Assaying and reporting Assays should be identical at the two institutions.
- 5 A proper allowance ^{in weight} should be made at both institutions for surface impurities on all Silver bullion, other than fine bars, when about to be credited to the depositor and charged to the Melter & Refiner.

At the New York Assay Office, on Gold, fractions of the .01 of an ounce are disregarded & inure to the benefit of the Melter & Refiner's accounts. Generally the adhering

dirt and flux would be fully equal to this fractional hundredth, therefore it is in reality no allowance for the risks of the Melter & Refiner's operations. A deduction of .01 to ^{.10}~~.02~~ of an ounce ^(on each 100 oz) ~~in favor of the Melter & Refiner's accounts~~ ^{may be} ~~are made from all bullion showing foreign matters.~~ ^{according to the judgment of the M & R, aided, if necessary, by the Assayer.} ~~On some deposits a deduction of .10 of an ounce is made, but these are exceptional cases, such as in jeweler's bars, and where Lead is present.~~ On Silver, fractions below .05 of an ounce are disregarded and inure to the benefit of the Melter & Refiner's Accounts; the same comments with reference to dirt and slag is largely true here, as for gold. Deductions of .05 are often made for adhering flux &c, when the bullion is transferred from the Deposit Melting Room to the Melter & Refiner.

On fine Silver (998½) the drafts are generally 3000 to 5200 ounces; on each of such a deduction of 5 to 0.10 hundredths is made in in favor of the Melter & Refiner.

It appears that the above allowances and deductions at the Assay Office are reasonable and just, and being so, should be extended equally for the benefit of the Melter & Refiner of the Philadelphia Mint.

6 It is desirable that the Melter & Refiner should supervise and direct the mode of melting deposits in the Deposit Melting

of matters of judgment to be exercised with the M & R & Assayer in case of any disagreement, the deposit to be melted to get the weight of the melting.

Room, with a view to the elimination of such substances as may cause undue loss, as well as deteriorate the quality of the resulting bullion. And likewise that he should be empowered to require assays and full reports of the same during the progress of the operation.

reports

on the nature & approximate quantities of base metals

- 7 It being understood that since the Melter & Refiner is exercising this function for the benefit of the Government, the Government, and not his own Department should have the benefit of the grains, flux, sweepings and all residues. This regulation should apply to both the Mint and the Assay Office.

Allowances and Deductions by the Assay Office to the Mint.

To reach a proper conclusion in determining the amount of allowance and deduction which should be made in the transfer of bullion from the Assay Office at New York to the Melter & Refiner of the Mint at Philadelphia for coining, reference should be had to the remarks made in a previous portion of this Report. It was there stated that among the sources of wastage falling on the Melter & Refiner's Department in

operating on base bars, are (imbedded impurities) (adhering slag) and (surface oxidation). Added to these, it has been ascertained by a comparison of the weights of such bars when shipped & and received, that beyond a question a loss arises from the attrition during their transportation.

In view of these facts it is believed that the following rates of allowance by the Melter & Refiner of the Assay Office at New York, to the Melter & Refiner of the Mint would be equitable and proper, and are accordingly recommended.

Allowance on Bars. from New York Assay Office

				<u>of their weight</u>	<u>per 1000 ozs</u>
Pineness	650	@	700	-	.001
"	700	@	800	-	.0005
"	800	@	850	-	.0003
"	850	@	900	-	.0002
"	900	@	950	-	.0001

Since more extensive and detailed experiments are needed before accurate figures can be reached for a permanent rule in regard to this allowance, the above are sufficiently near the truth to permit their temporary adoption.

So far as it may be practicable to do so, it is desirable that the Melter and Refiner
+ erased by Dr Linderman, as an oversight.

should, at the close of each month determine approximately the amount of bullion on hand and in transition stages, in order to ascertain the condition of his bullion accounts. And at the close of six months from the recent annual settlement, a full and complete settlement of the accounts of that Officer should be made, with a view to ascertain how far the precautions which may have been adopted by the proper authority, shall have reduced the amount of Wastage.

Report of
Rastage Commission
(Extracts)

(Copy)

Regulations for
the U.S. Mint &
N.Y. Assay Office.

Recd July 27/72

[On the 27th of
August, 1872, the
Director of the Mint
transmitted a copy
of the foregoing in-
struction to the Sec-
retary of the Treasury,
for his consideration,
and on the 19th of
Sept. 1872, received
the following reply.]

5556.
Treasury Department.

September 19, 1872.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th ultimo, containing a copy of your instructions in reference to the regulations of July 26th, 1872, for the reception of base silver bullion at the U.S. Mint and Branches.

The instructions are approved, and you are requested to forward to the Assay Office in New York, and the other Branch Mints, a copy of these instructions, with the direction to have them go into effect upon the first day of October next.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson
Acting Secretary.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Acting Sec'y Reasway
(Richardson)

Instructions with
regard to the reception
of base silver bullion
approved, & ordered to
go in to effect Oct. 1/72

Rec'd Sept 20/72

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Sept 19th 1872

Sir;

Please send me a few
of your Annual Reports and oblige

Yours Respectfully
Geo. F. Holm

Superintendent

Hon' Jas Pollock
Director of Mint
Philadelphia.

N. Y. Assay Office

Request several
copies of the Director's
last annual report.

Rec^d Sept 20/72

No. 58 Coin United States Treasury.

New York, Sept. 17, 1872

I Certify, That Thos Hillhouse, Treasurer

U.S. Army Office, New York,

this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States

Ten thousand three hundred & one ⁸⁹/₁₀₀

Dollars, on account of available profits, from April 1st. to June 29,

1872, pursuant to a ct of July 20, 1868,
for which I have signed ^{quadruplicate} ~~triplicate~~ receipts.

\$10,301 ⁸⁹/₁₀₀

G.C. 7,011.03
S.C. 3,290.86

W. D. Miller
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

United States Assay Office,

New York, Sept 19th 1872

Sir;

I send herewith triplicate receipt of the Asst Treasurer U. S. for \$10,301.⁸⁹/₁₀₀ deposited to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. by the Treasurer of the Assay Office, on ac of Available profits from April 1st to June 29th 1872

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Thos C. Acton

Hon James Pollock

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Penn

N. Y. Assay Office

Enclosing Certificate
of deposit to the \$10,301.⁸⁹
available profit, from
April 1/72 to June 29/72.

Recd Sept 20/72

Bureau of Ordnance.
Navy Department.

Washington City. 18 Sept. 1872

Hon.

James Pollock

Director - U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:-

The Bureau sends you by express to-day twenty-four (24) silver disks that have been subjected to pressures and respectfully requests that the value thereof be credited to the Bureau's account and another set of fifty (50) made in addition to the order of the 13th inst.

Sept 24/72 The above
24 disks delivered to
W & R
Weight 145.35 oz
H.C.H.

I am, Sir,

Your Obt. Servant

R. H. Luskow Case
Rear Armorer and Chief of Bureau

Re Adl A. Ludlow Cash
Bureau of Ordnance
Washington D.C.

Returns 24 Silver
discs, and
Orders 50 more.

Rec^d Sept 19/72

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
New York.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } New York.

Dated

Boston Mass Sept 18 1872

Received at

United States Mint

What can I buy
silver dollars for at
the mint Coinage of
eighteen seventy two

William H.
Calcord

157 paid
4 Blossom St
Boston
Ans Rd here

This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

Wm H. Colcord
Boston
Mass

Wants to buy
Silver dollars

Rec^d Sept 18/72

Chicago Sept 18/7-

Director of U. S. Mint

Philadelphia
Pa

Dear Sir

On the 2^d inst.

we sent you \$50 - in coppers
but have not yet received any.

We need them very much

I would request you herewith
to forward the same at once

I greatly oblige

Yours Truly
Henry Schoolcraft
Supt

Henry Schoellkopf & Bro
Chicago
Ill

Wants base coin
Sent at once

Recd Sept 21, 1872

Monroe Mich.
Sept^r 17th

Sept. U.S. Mint

Sir

May I trouble you
to exchange the enclosed coin
for a gold dollar of the present
year's issue? In doing so, you
will confer a great favor.

Respectfully
Sarah A. Governor.

Mrs. Sarah A. Grosvenor
Moirae
Mich.

Wants a gold dollar
of 1872, in exchange
for one Enclosed.

Rec^d Sept 20/72

Int

United States Assay Office,

New York,

Sept 16th 1872

Hon Jas. Pollock

Director

Sir:

I herewith enclose Assayer's Report of Gold, bullion (in blank) on the back of which you will notice a printed form for statement of St. Wgt & value of Gold, Silver, wanted, deductions, & the net value of deposit.

I cannot perceive that it fulfils any requirement of law, or regulations; or that it is in accordance with instructions from your Office.

It certainly does not add, to the responsibility of the Assayer, as his signature only covers that which is embraced, in the body of the report; the endorsement never comes under his observation, but is copied from the Abstract sheets at the close of the Quarter long

after the payments have been made to depositors;
consequently any check which this system was
designed to place upon the Treasurer's calculations,
is of no effect.

I cannot understand how this prac-
tice originated; but it appears to me entirely super-
fluous, as it is only a simple copy from the calcul-
ation sheets, which these reports accompany to
Washington.

May I ask your opinion upon this matter?
If consistent with your ideas I would gladly dispense
with it.

Very Respectfully

W. G. Miller
Act. Treasurer.

N. Y. Assay Office

Inquiry from
Acting Treasurer
W. G. White, about
Endorsements on the
back of assayer's
reports of assay.

Recd Apr 17/72

No.

GOLD BULLION DEPOSITED AT THE U. S. ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK.

the

day of

1871, by

DESCRIPTION.	NO.	GROSS WEIGHT.		FINENESS.	SILVER PARTING.	DEDUCTIONS FOR
		Ounces.	dec.	Thous.	Thous.	
						parting cents per ounce gross.
						silver alloy, $\frac{1}{110}$ of standard wt. at 129 cents per oz.
						Gold Coin, 50 cents per \$100, gross value.
						Fine Gold Bars, 6 cents per \$100, gross value.

To the Treasurer of the Assay Office.—Above is my Report of Assays and Deductions upon your Statement of Deposit.

ASSAYER.

Bureau of Ordnance.
Navy Department.

Washington City. 18th Sept 1872

Hon.

James Pollock

Director - U. S. Mint

Philadelphia - Pa.

Sir:-

The Bureau sends you by express to-day ten (10) disks of pure silver that have been subjected to pressures in the bore of a ~~XV~~ⁱⁿ gun, and respectfully requests that you will direct the value thereof to be credited to the Bureau's account and make another set of fifty four (54) which will be paid for on the receipt of the bill at this Office.

Sept 24/72 - the above
10 disks delivered to M & R
Weight 60.75 oz.

H. C. H.

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servant

A. L. Brownlee

Receivd on order of the Chief of Bureau

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

[DOMESTIC BILL OF LADING.]

Philadelphia,

Oct 4

1872

RECEIVED of

Director of U. S. Mint

and Prof

Value \$400

For which this Company charges

Marked Rem Admiral A Ludlow house

Washington D C

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation.

It is part of the consideration of this contract, and it is agreed, that the said Express Company are Forwarders Only, and are not to be held liable or responsible for any loss or damage to said property while being conveyed by the Carriers to whom the same may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants; nor, in any event, shall the holder hereof demand beyond the sum of Fifty Dollars, at which the article forwarded is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, or unless specially insured by them, and so specified in this receipt, which insurance shall constitute the limit of the liability of the Adams Express Company. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do,) such Company or persons so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the shipper or owner, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be, in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such Company or person; and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained, shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every Company or person to whom the Adams Express Company may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability thereof of such other Company or person. In no event shall the Adams Express Company be liable for any loss or damage, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at this office, within thirty days after this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed. All articles of Glass or contained in Glass, or any of a fragile nature, will be taken at Shipper's risk only, and the shipper agrees that the Company shall not be held responsible for any injury by breakage or otherwise, nor for damage to goods not properly packed and secured for transportation. It is further agreed, that said Company shall not, in any event, be liable for any loss, damage or detention caused by the acts of God, Civil or Military Authority, or by Rebellion, Piracy, Insurrection or Riot, or the dangers incident to a time of war, or by any riotous or armed assemblage. If any sum of money, beside the charge for transportation, is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the above-described property, and the same is not paid within thirty days from the date hereof, the shipper agrees that this Company may return said property to him after the expiration of that time, subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay the charges for transportation both ways, and that the liability of this Company for such property while in its possession for the purpose of making such collection, shall be that of Warehousemen only.

For the Company,

Freight,

Geo L Thompson

Rev. Amos A. Ludlow Case
Bureau of Ordnance
Washington D.C.

Returns 10 silver dies,
and adds 54 more.

Rec^d Sept 14/72

Post Office,

Portland, Maine, Sep. 13, 1872.

Dr. Sir,

I have a collection of
cents, lacking only 1793, 1799,
1815 & 1857.

I suppose 1815 even ex-
isted & I cannot have '93 or
99 nor 1857 large copper.

My 1805, 1806 1809 & 1810
are poor: can you furnish me
either of the above or inform
me where I can obtain one?

Very respectfully,

Your Advt. Servant,

C. W. Goddard, P.M.

We cannot furnish any old cents -
they can usually be had of numismatic
dealers, of whom there are a number in
Boston, New York &c. There is no cent of 1815.

C. W. Goddard
Postmaster
Portland,

"Me."
Sep. 13/72

Wants old cents &

"Cannot furnish"
ansd.

Sep. 16/72

Received

Sep. 16/72

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Sept 12, 1872

Hon James Pollock

Director of the Mint

Dear Sir,

The enclosed copy of correspondence with the N. Y. Assay Office will explain itself.

I have been of the impression that the regulations in question, had reference mainly to the refractory bullion from the West that had given Mr. Booth so much trouble, and guided by the well known legal principle that when the reasons fail the rule ceases, I finally took the liberty of replying

as you see. I believe
I am right on the merits,
but you may think
differently. If so, please
write me (to that effect
(per the enclosed envelope)
a telegraph.

I hope you are
having a good time.

Atty Gen. Williams'
address, reads much
better in print, than
it sounded in the de-
livery.

Yours truly
H C Hickok

H. C. Hickok
Director Clerk

To
Hon. James Pollock
Director
Mint in Pa

Submitting for
approval correspondence
with N. Y. Assay Office
about charge $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent
on silver in a State of
Coin, under 900 fine

Sept 14. 1872. Approved.

J. A. Pollock
Director

Recd Sept 14/72

(Copy)

United States Assay Office
New York Sept 11th 1872

Sir

We are daily in receipt of deposits of German Thaler and Mexican Dollars which assay 899 or 899 $\frac{1}{2}$. Ought these coins to be subjected to the $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent charge required by the Regulations of July 25th on Silver deposits below 900? In the absence of Specific instructions to the contrary, our Assayer insists that they ought. But the effect will be to deprive the office of all deposits of that character.

As several large deposits are now awaiting a decision on this point, I should be glad to receive instructions as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) Tho C Acton
Superintendent

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

(Copy)

Minst of the United States
Philadelphia Sept 12th 72

Sir:

Your inquiry of the 11th inst, as to whether the charge of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent, required by the Regulations of July 25 Ultimo, on Silver deposits below 900 fine, should be imposed on deposits of German Thalers and Mexican Dollars, which assay 899 or 899 $\frac{1}{2}$; has been received.

Going behind the letter of the Regulations to the reasons upon which they are based, and which alone caused their promulgation, the conclusion is reached that the rule was not intended to be held so rigidly, nor indeed to apply to metal nearly standard, and already in the state of coin, or fit to be turned

into coin without refining. In the absence of the Director, I have conferred with the Melter and Refiner and the Assistant Assayer, who are of the same opinion.

You will therefore, until the Director's return, omit the charge of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent upon deposits of the foreign coins specified in your letter.

Yours Very Respectfully
(signed) A.C. Hickok
Director's Clerk

Thos C. Acton Esq
Supt U S Assay Office
New York

United States Assay Office,

New York, Sept. 11, 1872.

Sir:

We are daily in receipt of deposits of German Thalers & Mexican Dollars which assay 899 or $899\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{7}{8}$. Ought these coins to be subjected to the $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. charge required by the Regulations of July 25th on silver deposits below 900? In the absence of specific instructions to the contrary, our Assayer insists that they ought. But the effect will be to deprive the Office of all deposits of that character.

As several large deposits are now awaiting a decision on this point, I should be glad to receive instructions as soon as possible.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

Director of the Mint.
Phil^a

Very Respectfully,

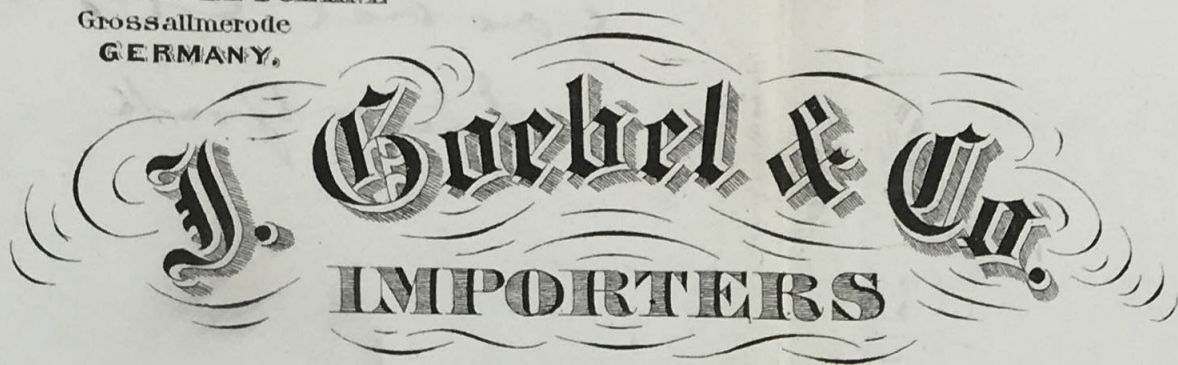
Thos. C. Weston
Superintendent

N. Y. Assay Office

Do, the new
charge of $\frac{1}{4}$ per
cent, apply to
German Thalers, &
Mexican Dollars,
899 & 899 $\frac{1}{2}$ m.

Recd Sept 12/72

HEINR. GOEBEL SOEHNE
Grossallmerode
GERMANY.



129 Maiden Lane

New York. Sept^r 10th 1872

W. S. Munt
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

Amongst our
latest arrivals of San Francisco
we have just Carls of very
fine halves they are most
excellent burned and should
we be pleased if you would
allow us to send you a Carl.
will you please answer us
about it & if any Carls
are wanted for any Branch
please send your orders.

Yours Respectfully

J. Goebel & Co.

J. Goebel & Co.,
New York

Offers a cask of
Crucibles (fine quality)
for sale.

Recd. Sept 11/72

Somerville Sep. 7 72
Mass

Dear Sir!

Two weeks ago, I have
given 1 Ring of gold
to Adams Exp. Office
to be carried, & never
heard from it yet.
They advised me to
write about it. Please
send it to me soon

& oblige
Yours respectfully
Ch. Schuchler.

Somerville Mass
Box 32

I came from the Boston Office
but there was nothing about the package
to show it was to go to Somerville.
As he is an old customer &
always has me his Gold at

Ch. Schnebelen,
Somerville,
Mass.

Enquires about a
king of gold sent
for coinage 2 weeks
ago.

Rec Sept 19/72

First National Bank

Tamagua, Pa. Sept 24th 1872

Jas Pollock Esq. Cashier.

Dear Sir.

Your favor

of the ~~inst.~~ inst. is received with inclosures, as stated.

Respectfully Yours

J. W. Abbot Cashier.

~~Enclose for collection and credit~~ OP

On Aug. 20th we sent you
our dft. No 348 for \$5.00
desired you to forward us 50
in 5.4 pieces & 25 in pennies.
They have not yet come to hand
We should feel obliged if you
would have them forwarded
without delay as we are in
great need of them.

Frist Nat Bank
Tamaqua
J. H. Abbot - Pa

Inquiry about bare
coin ordered August
20. 1872

Rec - Sept 9. 1872

B. AUSTIN AVERY, Pres't.
BENJ. F. SCOTT, Vice Pres.

C. D. AVERY, Sec'y and Treas.
J. L. HILL, Superintendent.

OFFICE AND DEPOT OF

ONONDAGA COUNTY MILK ASSOCIATION,

Producers and Dealers in

Pure Milk, Cream, Sour Milk and Buttermilk,

44 EAST FAYETTE STREET,

Syracuse, N.Y., Sept 6th 1872.

Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I have duly received from the U. S. Treasurer a Check for \$121⁰⁰ being the returns for Copper coins to the amount of 135⁰⁰ shipped in bulk, per Certificate No 897 of the Treas. of the Mint. Will you please advise me wherein the loss has occurred, whether in count, weight or loss by broken packages, as I shipped one ^{hundred} thirty five dollars by current, in
own

C. D. Avery, Sec'y
Syracuse N.Y.

Deficient returns
for 1844 coin, redeemed.

very secure packages. Do
you count foreign coins
or weigh them?

Some information relative
to the discrepancy will much
oblige

Respy Yours

C. D. Avery
Secy

44 East Genesee St
Syracuse, N.Y.

R. S. Sept 9/72

J. M. TREDICE, Pres't.
JOHN P. HART, Cash'r.

Chartered, 1813,
Re-organized, 1865.
Capital, \$200,000.

Rockingham National Bank.

Portsmouth, N. H., *Sept 5. 1872*

James Pollock Esq.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 12th ult. was
duly received acknowledging the receipt of my
remittance of the 10th ult. in which you
say the coin ordered will be forwarded "in
a few days". As the coin has not been received
yet, I would enquire about how soon it
will be forwarded,

Respy Yrs
John P. Hart
Cashier

Rockingham Nat BK

Portsmouth
J. P. Hart A. H.

Inquiry about bare
coin, ordered on the
10th of August

Det. Sept. 4

Re Sept 7. 1872

United States Assay Office,

New York, Sept 5, 1872.

Sir:

I send herewith my estimates of the Appropriations required for the support of this Office for the fiscal year 1873-4, as requested in your letter of the 4th inst.

Very Respectfully,
Thos. E. Nelson
Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. Pollock.

Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,

N. Y. Assay Office

Enclosing Estimates
for Fiscal year 1873-74

Recd Sept 6/72

United States Assay Office,

New York, Sept. 5, 1872.

Sir:

I send herewith my requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for \$3,200 on Ac of Appropriation's for the support of this Office, to meet the expenditure of the current month, and would thank you to forward the same, with your official approval, as soon as convenient.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant,

Thos. L. Nelson

Superintendent.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia

N. Y. Assay Office

Enclosing requisition for
\$3,200. —

Recd Sept 6/72

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Sept. 5 1872

Sir:

I have to request leave of absence for two weeks from some day between this and the 13th of September current, to enable me to criticise and retranslate the odes of Horace (whose surname is Greely), and in so much as in me lies to render said odes odious to the people of Toga County.

The time is left indefinite because I can only leave my family when friends arrive to bear them company.

Hon. James P. Roccock
Director of the Mint.

Respectfully Yours
Wm. H. Cobb
Or for Treas^r

M. St. Cobb, Esq.
Cashier for Recd. Mint

ask 2 weeks
leave of absence.



Sept 5/1872, Douglass
present.

Recd Sept 5/72

United States Assay Office,

New York, Sept. 3, 1872.

Sir:

Referring to the Regulations issued by the Secretary of the Treasury relative to "Deductions for Loss in Refining," I respectfully ask to be instructed as to whether said deductions are to be made on the weight after melting or the Weigh Book, or as a charge on the Abstract Sheet.

An early response is respectfully requested, as I have decided to withhold all payments of such deposits until your decision on the above point is received.

Thos E. Eaton

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director of the Mint.
Phil^a.

} Very Respectfully,

Superintendent.

N. Y. Assay Office

Request instruction
as to Exactly how &
when deduction in
loss in refining base
Silver as to be made

[Opinions of Prof.
Brothth. & R., and
Prof Rogers, filed
herein. H.C.H.]

Rec^d Sept 4/72

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 14 Sept — 1872

Hon. James Pollock

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

My opinion on the letter of the
Suptdt of the N. Y. Assay Office of B^d Inst. in reference
to the Regulations for "Deductions", &c is:

That the said deductions should be made on the
weight after melting carefully & without the use of
altering fluxes, the assay being made on granulations
taken about the beginning and end of casting each
melt. Permit me to say that such deductions were
not designed by the Commission to cover loss in
Refining, as the latter term is technically understood,
but that they were to be "deductions for unavoidable loss
in preparing base silver for deposit in the Mint and
branches.

(over)

I have conversed with Prof. Rogers of the
Commission, & know that these are his views also,
but I prefer to refer you to him for more positive
information, on his opinion

Respectfully yours
J. H. Booth

Dear Sir

M. A. R.

The above statement of Prof. Booth
correctly represents the views of the
Commission on Whistle, the regular char-
ges for refining &c. remain. Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
R. E. Rogers
one of the Commissioners

Hon: James P. Ballack
Director of U. S. Mint

J. C. Booth M & N
Ry. Rogers

Opinion on the
-ductions for a loss
in refining base
silver at N. Y. Assay
Office.

Recd Sept 4/72

S. C. Thompson, Pres.

E. Scofield, Asst. Cash.

Geo. F. Baker, Cash.

First National Bank

New York Sept 3 1872

Sir

If not already sent please do not
send to the First National Bank of
Audus N.Y. the \$100 = 5⁴ tickets ordered
by us August 29th, but return ^{to us} the
amount in N.Y. or Phila! Exchange, as
the order should not have been given

Very Respectfully
E. Scofield

To

James Pollock

Director of the Mint

Phila!

Pa

First Nat Bank
New York

P. Scofield -
Assistant Cashier -

Wants \$100 sent for small
coin, returned
(Money returned Sept 4/72)
per Adams Express

Rec Sept 4, 1872

United States Assay Office.

Superintendent's Office, Boise City, I. T., September 2^d 1872

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith
statements of the operations of this Office during the
months of July & August.

Very Respectfully
A. Wolters

Boise City
Assay Office

Enclosing statement
-ments for July &
August, 1872.

Rec Sept 13/72

W. T. HATCH & SON,
Bankers and Dealers in Government Securities,

Gold, Foreign Exchange, Stocks, Bonds, &c.,

34 WALL STREET.

Post Office Box 351.

WALTER T. HATCH.
NATH'L W. T. HATCH.

New York, Sept 2^d 1872

Mr Hon. J. Pooler

Director U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Dear Sir, We are advised by Calvin J. Cowles, Charlotte N.C. that he has forwarded to you Gold in Bars - proceeds to be forwarded to us - Please permit draft in our favor on U. S. Ass't Treasr. or if this is not practicable permit Gold Certificates & oblige

Yours Respectfully

W. T. Hatch & Son

W. J. Hatch & Son
New York

Request remittance
of proceeds of gold
bar for J. & Calouin
J. Lawless Chan-
-cels, N. Y.

Recd Sept 3/72

Marshall Mo Sept 2^d 1872

Mr. La Pollock }
U S Mint Phil Pa }

Dear Sir
I sent

you per Adams Expres from
Evansville Ind Aug 3^d
\$108⁰⁰ one hundred & eight dollars
in silver halves, to be coined into
one dollar pieces. I correspond with
you from St. Louis some time ago
& in this case I complied with
your written & printed instructions
as near as possible as I knew
nobody there. I sent the silver in a bag
to your address with instructions
inside and also wrote to the
Adams Expres agt to deliver &

Call for it. The instructions to
you as well as the Adams agt
was to forward it to Kansas
City - Mo. I have not since heard
from it. You will please book
after it & have it forwarded
to Moberly Mo.

And oblige Yours
J. R. W. Hennessy

P.S. Please write me in relation
to it to Miami Mo.

Sept 12/72 Sent \$99.²²
Silver Dollars to J. R. W. Hennessy
Kansas City, Mo. - He must
write to the Act of the American
Express Co at Kansas City
to send his Silver where he wants it.
Thompson

J. R. W. Hennessey
Miami, Mo
Sept. 2^d 1872

In relation to his
deposit of silver
half-dollars.

Ans'd.

Sep. 6/72

Received
Sept. 6th 1872.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / 1872 / SEPTEMBER

